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Kingdom to help end Qatar-Bahrain rift

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — The six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council Tuesday said the Kingdom has agreed to use its good offices in finding a lasting solution to a territorial dispute between Bahrain and Qatar. The two states were poised on the brink of a propaganda war last week after Qatar complained that Bahrain had undertaken 'provocative' naval maneuvers near the Huwar islands.

In a press statement issued at the conclusion of the three-day GCC ministerial conference, the participants said the rift is neither in conformity with the principles of the GCC statute nor in harmony with the spirit that dominates relations among GCC states. The council urged the two countries to stop propaganda campaigns and to restore brotherly relations.

The statement said the council reviewed the resolutions of the interior ministers and agreed that the member states sign a comprehensive security accord and the GCC secretariat general prepare the draft agreement, which would be discussed by the interior ministers in their next meeting.

The statement also said the GCC expressed 'deep regret and resentment' about Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's recent tirade against the Kingdom, saying that Qaddafi's attitude is against the spirit of Arab

fraternity and impedes the realization of Arab solidarity.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said at the end of the conference that GCC cooperation had made big strides which "confirms the soundness of our method". He added that the realization of welfare and prosperity for the Gulf peoples would require the prevalence of security, stability and peace in the entire region.

He said that "the challenges before us bear witness to the fact that we are still at the beginning of a long way". He said the Gulf region should be ready for any sacrifices needed to encounter the hardships successfully. He stressed the significance of a collective work in the interest of the whole region.

Later, Prince Saud held a press conference in which he confirmed that the council discussed the resolutions of the defense ministers of the GCC states, and added that their report would be submitted to the next GCC summit conference.

Regarding French President Francois Mitterrand's visit to occupied Palestine, Prince Saud said that this subject was under discussion and that GCC member states are still studying it.

The foreign minister said that the Bahrain-Qatar rift was considered closed and the council has adopted a basic step to strive to eliminate this rift. He described the accord as the central point that the council would stick to in dealing with the issue. The Kingdom's efforts in this direction aim at finding the bases which satisfy both countries.

He said the accord reached on ending this rift has been recorded at the GCC secretariat general, and a commitment has been made to freeze the situation. The prince, however, hoped that a mutually agreeable solution would be found, and said that the attitude of the Bahraini and Qatari brothers "has made us greatly optimistic" on the success.

Referring to the Iranian military aircraft that had landed in the Kingdom and the measures it might take to stop such activities in the future, Prince Saud said the Defense Ministry's statement in this connection was clear, not only in this respect but also as regards the Kingdom's attitude toward the Iraq-Iran war. He reiterated that the GCC

Iran warplane allowed to land

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — The pilot of an Iranian air force Phantom warplane was given permission to land in the Kingdom last Thursday, according to a statement issued by the Defense Ministry here Tuesday. The statement said that the Saudi Arabian radar had followed the path of the warplane as it approached the country's borders and scrambled a few planes to intercept it when it finally entered the country. But the pilot indicated that he wished to land. This was granted and he landed in one of the country's military bases. The authorities interrogated him while advising the Iranian embassy of the event.

Bill seeks to curb Reagan

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Agencies) — Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd introduced a bill Tuesday to prohibit President Reagan from sending U.S. troops into combat in El Salvador without advance approval of Congress.

The only exceptions would be to help evacuate Americans, or to prevent an attack on the United States. Byrd told the Senate: "Now is the time to undertake a full debate on this issue, no matter how remote the possibility might be that the president would feel compelled to commit U.S. troops to El Salvador." He said he had asked the Senate Intelligence Committee for an independent assessment of Soviet and Cuban intentions and activities with respect to El Salvador.

Byrd said he would use the assessment and his bill to force a Senate debate on the issue, to shape a policy that would not split the United States like the Vietnam war. The senator's move came as heavy fighting was

reported in two big cities in El Salvador, where left-wing guerrillas are fighting to topple the U.S.-backed government.

The proposed bill would amend the War Powers Act which allows presidents to send U.S. combat troops into an emergency situation, but requires they be pulled out if Congress has not approved their use within 60 days. In the case of El Salvador, the amendment would prohibit use of U.S. combat troops, with the two exceptions, "unless and until the Congress has declared war or enacted specific authorization for such use of U.S. armed forces."

The bill must be approved by both the Senate and House of Representatives to become law, but it could be vetoed by the president. Reagan and other administration officials have said repeatedly they have no plans at present to send U.S. troops to El Salvador.

In another indication of congressional concern, 28 House members have co-sponsored a resolution declaring illegal the present use of U.S. military advisers in El Salvador. The proposal introduced in the House Monday calls for an immediate prohibition on all further military aid and assistance to El Salvador. Sponsors are Representatives Philip Burton, Democrat-California, John Conyers, Democrat-Michigan, Don Edwards, Democrat-California, Robert Kastenmeier, Democrat-Wisconsin, and Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Democrat-New York.

Speaking for the group on the House floor, Rosenthal said, "We recognize that differences between El Salvador and Vietnam. What distresses us are the chillingly familiar similarities. 'What is a civil war in a small country, we are told by the administration, is directed by Moscow through their Cuban intermediaries. American global strength, we are told, is being tested in the villages and mountains of this tiny country.' 'We have heard it all before. It was wrong then, and is wrong now.'"

Saleh confers with Khaled

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived here Tuesday for a daylong official visit and talks with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd which he described as urgent and pressing. He was welcomed by King Khaled, Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and other princes and senior officials and officers. The talks were held later the same day.

In a statement upon his arrival, President Ali said such talks were necessary in normal circumstances, but "become more urgent and pressing in the prevailing conditions in the regions, at the national, Islamic and international levels."

"The recent negative changes in the region and especially in the central issue of concern to our nations, form some of the principal topics to which we should devote our attention," he said.

The official Arabic daily *Al Thawra* of North Yemen said that the strategies of the



President Ali Abdullah Saleh

two countries formed a common Arab plan. It highlighted the political and economic importance of the Kingdom which enable it to play a major role in the service of Arab causes.

Experts' remedy for crisis

15% oil output cut urged

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP) — Oil prices will continue to fall unless OPEC countries, already painfully short of cash because of the world recession, can agree next week on a further oil production cutback of 15 percent, analysts say.

Saudi Arabia said it cut production by 1 million barrels a day on March 1. And OPEC's president, Sheikh Mana Saeed Oteiba of the United Arab Emirates, said last weekend the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would "defend... against all pressure attempts aimed at reducing the organization's official prices."

"I don't think they're going far enough to make a big difference for now," said James Bock, an international economist at Standard Oil Co. (Indiana).

Analysts see little chance that prices will stabilize in coming weeks unless OPEC members agree at their March 19 meeting to cut their production as well. That is because demand for oil remains weak because of recession in the industrialized West.

Without more widespread OPEC production cuts, the Saudi Arabian action will be diluted by other members seeking to sell more oil to increase their export incomes. "It's going to take something pretty dramatic to reverse the situation," said Stephen A. Smith, director of energy services at Data Resources Inc., an economic research firm. He estimates excess oil supplies on world markets at 600 million barrels, far above normal levels.

Smith believes OPEC will "pull out all stops" to defend the current benchmark price. He said several OPEC members would have to join Saudi Arabia in cutting production by a total of at least 3 million barrels a day from the group's current estimated output of 20 million — a 15 percent cutback.

Without such a collective effort, non-OPEC prices will continue to fall and OPEC's market position will weaken further, Smith said.

The chances of an OPEC agreement to collectively reduce output would appear slim, however, based on past performances and the current financial pinch on Nigeria, Iran and some others. It took OPEC two years to agree on realigning its price structure. Iran is reported desperate for hard currency to finance its war with Iraq. Nigeria is being pressed to cut prices because its \$36.50 a barrel crude competes directly with that of Great Britain, which last week cut its price to \$31 a barrel.

Pressure on OPEC to either reduce the amount of its oil available on the world markets or cut its prices has grown in recent days as Mexico, Great Britain and other non-OPEC nations have reduced their prices to undercut OPEC's benchmark price of \$34 a barrel.

As nine planets line up

Scientists discount fears

LOS ANGELES, California, March 9 (AP) — Two moderate earthquakes rumbled across southern California over the weekend, and some people were left wondering whether they were forerunners of the global catastrophes predicted to accompany Wednesday's impending line-up of all nine planets on one side of the sun.

"I'd say forget it," said Leroy Irby, a seismologist who's been tracking quakes for 15 years at the National Earthquake Information Service in Golden, Colorado. "There's something about earthquakes that excite people, but there's no scientific way to predict these things."

Difficulties persist

Panel to pursue Iran, Iraq efforts

By Nasser Shehri
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 9 — The Islamic Conference's Peace Committee (IPC) to end the war between Iran and Iraq noted some positive changes in the two countries' response to mediation efforts but conceded difficulties in reaching a peaceful settlement in the near future.

The committee, made up of heads of state and prime ministers, held a final session here Tuesday and made a statement asserting that the two parties have reaffirmed their unequivocal confidence in the OIC and its Islamic Peace Committee. The two parties also clearly indicated that they prefer the IPC to ensure the peaceful resolution of the conflict.

The statement said that the point of contention remains that Iran wants all Iraqi troops to withdraw from its lands before the start of any negotiations. Iraq stipulates talks before any withdrawal.

The committee decided to form a beads of state panel under Guinea President Ahmed Sekou Toure and other members to continue bringing pressure to bear on both parties to make concessions towards a peaceful solution.

In the meantime, President Toure will invite some foreign ministers to examine in depth and detail the results that the heads of state panel might achieve. OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti will be the link between President Toure and the foreign ministers.

The committee noted the interest shown by Iran and Iraq in the Islamic mediation was the most encouraging sign to emerge from the latest round of shuttle diplomacy.

In a press conference, Chatti rejected interpretations that the committee had failed

in its effort. "The hospitality and readiness we found, and the will expressed by the two parties, the great confidence they exhibited, and their desire that the committee continue its work — that the solution should come through it — is considered a positive step which permits us to face this complex case with some hope," Chatti said. He asserted that there was "progress in the march toward peace."

"Our task now is to produce pressure on the two parties for concessions, and prepare a plan to be submitted to them later, he said, without elaborating on what forms of pressure he had in mind.

Chatti said a possible role for Islamic peacekeeping forces "comes at a later stage because we have not reached agreement yet on withdrawal itself."

Iraq's president made two speeches Monday during which he called for a pact committing all Arab states to "jointly confront any danger from outside the Arab area" and said that Iran had lost 6,353 dead during a single counter-attack last month in Al-Basateen area. "There are still more than 6,000 bodies of dead Iranian soldiers in the area, in addition to those buried by Iraqi soldiers," Saddam Hussein said in a speech to Iraqi special forces soldiers. Excerpts of the speech were distributed by the Gulf press agency.

The Iraqi president admonished Ayatollah Khomeini for "turning his back on Iraq ... even though we hugged him for 14 years on Iraqi territory, paid his group's expenses, gave them weapons and directed our radios against the (late) Shah of Iran."

He said Iraq, "despite extremely difficult conditions" had turned down a 1975 offer from the Shah to visit Iraq on condition that Khomeini be sent away from Iraq.

On the proposed pact with other Arab states Saddam Hussein, said he had delayed making the proposal "until we have won the war (with Iran)."

But Ayatollah Khomeini Tuesday dashed any hopes of ending the war by stressing "peace with the criminal, is a crime against Islam." "Our conditions are the same. The criminals have to leave our country. It is in fact up to the other Islamic states to come and fight to throw the criminals out of this country," he said.

Abdou Diouf leaves

MADINAH, March 9 (SPA) — The Senegalese President Abdou Diouf left here for his country after a three-day official visit to the Kingdom. He had arrived here from Riyadh to pray at the Prophet's mosque.

Reagan faces Labor boycott

LONDON, March 9 (AP) — Opposition Labor Party legislators in the House of Commons threatened Tuesday to boycott U.S. President Ronald Reagan when he addresses parliament in June, and there were suggestions those who do show up might be heckled.

The legislators were angry that Labor leader Michael Foot was not consulted about an invitation to the president to make the speech, the first ever by an American president, to both houses of parliament June 8. Foot opposed to many of Reagan's policies, reacted angrily Monday when he heard about the proposed address in a radio news bulletin.

After a meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in which, according to her aides, she attempted to head off a confrontation, he told reporters that if he'd been consulted about inviting Reagan, he would have objected. Other members, among them Labor legislator Martin Flannery of Sheffield, said they would boycott the speech. Many mentioned opposition to Reagan's support of the ruling junta in El Salvador.

The tabloid *Sun* reported Tuesday that some Labor members of parliament had

"threatened to boo" the president. Heckling of British prime ministers is a time-honored practice in the House of Commons, where the leader appears regularly to answer "calling up" questions amid shouts of "here, here" and "shame, shame."

Officials at no. 10 Downing Street, Mrs. Thatcher's official residence, said she had been deeply embarrassed by the premature disclosure of the planned speech. It was leaked to a *Los Angeles Times* reporter in Santa Barbara, near the ranch where Reagan is vacationing, by the president's deputy chief of staff, Michael Deaver, weeks ahead of a planned official announcement.

"Reagan blunder stuns Maggie," read Tuesday's headline in the *Daily Mirror*. The rival *Daily Mail* said, "Reagan puts his foot in it." The *Liberal Guardian* newspaper said in an editorial that the whole affair had been "woefully mismanaged" but added, "it would be churlish ... to attempt to block or deny the president his privileged platform in Westminster hall."

Government officials said Mrs. Thatcher had "conveyed her displeasure" to the White House Monday about the premature release.

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Global share prices tumble

LONDON, March 9 (R) — Share prices eased in world markets Tuesday in response to Monday night's sharp fall on Wall Street when the Dow Jones industrial average dropped below the 800 mark to its lowest level in almost two years.

The effects of heavy end-of-session selling on Wall Street were felt first in the Far East. The Sydney stock exchange all ordinaries index closed 5.9 points down at 463.6, while in Tokyo, the stock exchange shed 2.91 to 538.94.

Dealers in Tokyo said fears of a worsening economy in the United States worried Japanese investors. One analyst said that Tokyo market could not resist the fall of Japanese stock such as Sony, which are listed on Wall Street.

The Dow Jones index slipped under the 800 mark about 20 minutes before close of

trading Monday, finishing at 795.47, down 11.89 from Friday.

The fall in the Dow average also created a gloomy mood on European stock markets. Leading share prices drifted lower in Frankfurt and Amsterdam, dealers said. In London, the stock market opened lower ahead of Tuesday's British budget. Dealers said the market was cautious after the fall on Wall Street. By midday, the *Financial Times* index of leading industrial shares was down 8.3 at 555.8.

Monday's fall in New York came despite cuts in the prime commercial lending rate earlier in the day by several major banks. A Wall Street analyst said that although the market rallied after the prime rate cut from 16.5 to 16 percent, "the reality of the poor economic outlook quickly reassured itself."

Body implant of 'drug pump' approved

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — The U.S. government has approved the first drug pump that can be implanted inside the body, saying the device can add more than two years to the life expectancy of liver cancer patients and prevent blood clots in victims of phlebitis and other ailments.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said Monday it also is studying the drug pump as a way to dispense drugs to treat brain tumors or insulin for diabetics.

The pump holds promise as an improved treatment method for the 9,400 persons who might otherwise die of liver cancer each year in the United States, the 745,000 who suffer from phlebitis and the 50,000 whose deaths are linked with pulmonary embolisms, FDA Commissioner Arthur H. Hays Jr. said.

The drug pump can be inserted in the chest or abdomen and is the first one which need not be worn outside the body. It resembles a jockey puck in size and shape and provides continuous drug therapy.

Dr. William Ensminger, associated director of the University of Michigan's clinical research center, said that for liver cancer patients, the pump "enables us to extend life expectancy from about four to six months to beyond two years." Pumps have been in use for as long as 40 months.

Ensminger said experimental work with the pump revealed an 85 percent remission rate for liver cancer patients. But he warned that

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Gulf relations, oil policy discussed

Fahd briefs cabinet on recent talks

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Monday night briefed the Council of Ministers about the outcome of meetings with Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali, Senegalese President Abdou Diouf and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the council reviewed various aspects of Saudi Arabia's relations with the Gulf states and also its ties with Yemen. After that, the council discussed part of the Kingdom's oil production policy. The crown prince spoke about various developments on the subject and the dimensions of the policy adopted by the Supreme Petroleum Council under his chairmanship.

Prince Fahd said: "We shall continue our policy within the framework of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, as we are determined to let it continue its work and on the safety of its resolutions. We believe

SABIC begins course

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has sent nine university graduate employees of its marketing department to the United States for a training course.

The six-month marketing session, which began March 1, is held at the premises of one of SABIC's partners in petrochemical projects. The group, the fourth to be sent for study abroad by the marketing department, will train on planning of volume and sites of sales centers and customers' services; products control and distribution networks; and storage; and others topics.

in the need to pursue a practical and balanced policy based on economic, practical and sound foundations. This has been our policy since the beginning and we have already explained our objectives to all."

Kingdom gives PLO \$28.5m

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) a further financial aid instalment of \$28.5 million.

Rafiq Al-Natsha, PLO representative in Saudi Arabia, said Tuesday he has received the sum according to an aid arrangement Saudi Arabia committed itself to at previous Arab summits.

The Kingdom has never delayed its pledged obligations, in addition to supporting the Palestinian revolution in all spheres," Natsha said in a statement. He thanked King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and the government and people of Saudi Arabia for their continued support to the Palestinian revolution.

Nazer reaches Brazil

BRAZILIA, March 9 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer arrived here Monday on a few days' official visit for talks with Brazilian officials on development and planning cooperation. The Saudi Arabian minister arrived from London where he had held similar talks. He also will visit Argentina.

The council then heard a report on the subject from Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources.

Meanwhile, Dr. Yamani said that the council expressed concern over the conditions of citizens living in the municipality's buildings at Sitten Street in Malaz, who have been served with a notice to vacate within 24 hours because certain architectural defects had surfaced threatening the buildings. He added that the crown prince conveyed King Khaled's orders to giving urgent assistance to the inhabitants.

Prince Fahd ordered the formation of a ministerial committee to study the matter. Following the submission of the report, the council decided to give SR80,000, as of Tuesday, to each family residing in those buildings, with priority in obtaining flats at the rush housing scheme in appreciation of the gravity of their situation. Prince Fahd called for immediate sheltering of the people.

U.S. research team favors boosting agricultural exports

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 9 — An American horticultural and tropical product survey team, after a visit of the Kingdom, concluded that U.S. exports of fresh and canned fruits to Saudi Arabia could be increased over the present levels providing a healthy competition for similar products from Europe and other sources.

Andrew McGrath, commercial officer at the U.S. embassy here, told Arab News Tuesday that the group explored the market potential with various local businessmen and officials. Members of the team stated that local businessmen provided many useful ideas for enhancing the United States' competitiveness in the local market, McGrath said.

Discussions were held with Sheikh Muhammad Sharbatly of Sharbatly Cold

Phones exceed 600,000 level

JEDDAH, March 9 — Working telephone lines in the Kingdom surpassed the 600,000 lines mark, according to a statement by Saudi Telephone.

Statistical reports for Rabi Thani (Jan. 26 to Feb. 23) indicate that some 18,000 working telephone lines were installed during the month. This brings the total for the Kingdom to more than 604,000 working lines — six times the number of telephone lines that existed at the start of the telephone expansion program few years back.

With the latest surge in working lines, the Kingdom has passed Ireland, Egypt, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand for total telephone lines serving the people, according to a prestigious North American trade publication. With the inclusion of private telephone services and other telephone projects, the Kingdom's total for working telephone lines can reach now more than 760,000.

Stores; Sheikh Mumir Halwani of Halwani Cold Stores and Happy Family Supermarket; Sheikh Mustafa Abdul Samad of Al-Mokhtar Stores; Sheikh Nazir Al-Rijjal of Al-Harby Cold Stores; Elio Moodin of Abbar and Zainy; and shipping company representatives from Kanoo, the Binzagr Group and Sealand.

The group, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, was impressed with the facilities available at the Jeddah Islamic Port, according to McGrath. Members of the team had a meeting with Sheikh Fouad Mokhtar, director general of the Port. After the visit, the members commented that "the organization and efficiency of the port exceeds that in many American and European ports," he added.

The mission was led by Richard Burton Schroeter, of the department's foreign agricultural service.

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Sattam attends dentists' graduation; opens parley

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam Tuesday chaired a function to mark the graduation of the first group of students from King Saud University's college of dental science.

He also opened an international seminar on dental science which has been organized by the college in cooperation with the Saudi Association for Dentistry. The seminar is to last three days.

Speaking on the occasion, KSU Rector Dr. Mansour Al-Turki said the graduates service to the country will be considered an

honor to the university. He urged them to prove this by exerting maximum efforts in serving the nation.

Dr. Abdul Halim Badr, dean of the college of dental science, said the group of graduates was admitted in 1976/77. The number of men and women students rose to 118 with the beginning of the second semester, he added. The college has prepared a comprehensive program for house surgeons under the supervision of the teaching staff, with a view to maintaining the level of their skill and efficiency.

The fact that the International seminar was being held here, Badr said, reaffirms the college's role is not confined to teaching and treatment but includes scientific researches and an attempt to consolidate academic ties between the King Saud University and other universities in the Kingdom and abroad.

Prince Sattam greeted the graduates and said that the group provides an occasion of pride for the university and the government and people of Saudi Arabia. He awarded prizes and certificates to the seven graduates.

Meanwhile, Dr. Issam Khugir, member of the board of directors of the Saudi association for dentistry, said the seminar on dental science will contribute in the enrichment of knowledge and service of humanity. The seminar, which is the first of its kind, is attended by prominent academicians from various parts of the world.

Dr. Turki said that 11 research papers will discuss dental health problems being faced by the peoples of the region, especially. The papers will focus on dental health in children, crack in the jawbones and gum diseases, he said, adding that the college will submit useful papers in this behalf, to acquaint the participants with the university's activities in this field.

SR43m award let to supervise electric project

ABHA, March 9 (SPA) — A SR 43.3 million contract was signed here Tuesday for consulting services pertaining to an expansion of the Bisha central electricity project.

The contract, awarded by the Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company for the Southern Region to a national company, provides for supervising the implementation of a 150-megawatt generating plant, distribution lines and transmission stations. Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Mohsen Al-Tuwaijri, the company director general, signed the contract.

The contract also includes work supervision of a 132-kilovolt distribution line with a total length of 110 kilometers, two transmission branch stations in Bisha and Sabt Al-Ulaya which will operate on 132/32 pressure distribution lines of 33 kilovolt with an overall length of 160 kilometers; and a 200-kilometer 127/220 volt low tension network.

The contract further covers supervision for the implementation of electrification works for 163 villages in Sabt Al-Ulaya and 400 villages in Billahmar, Billasmar, Tanumah, Nammam Al-Khadra, and Bilad Beni Amr. In regard to Nammam, the transmission station will operate on a 13.8 /33 kilovolt pressure and provide for a low tension network of 220/127 volts with a total length of 250 kilometers.

Dates seminar to open

AHSA, March 9 (SPA) — The first seminar on dates palms to be held here will be attended by professors from Saudi Arabian universities and Arab and international experts. The seminar will be organized by the Eastern Province's King Faisal University March 23 to 25.

Research papers to be presented will come from Egypt, Tunisia, Iraq, Sudan, Algeria, Morocco, North Yemen, the United States, Britain, West Germany, Italy, Nigeria and Pakistan, in addition to the Kingdom.

Minister signs contract; okays 3 projects

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, agriculture and water minister, Tuesday signed a SR39 million contract for the construction of the second part of the sixth pipe network to supply Jeddah's new areas with drinking water. The contract was signed with a national firm.

The network will cover Petromin Street, north of Palestine Street and east of Petromin Street; southern and northern Nozha districts, northern Salam district; the northern Bawadi district; the northern Khaleidia plan,

east of Khaleidia Street; the western Khaleidia; and the northern Tahlia (Desalination).

Dr. Al-Sheikh also granted licenses Tuesday for the establishment of three agricultural and livestock projects totaling SR34 million. One project in Wadi Al-Dawasser, calls for the production of 11,500,000 eggs a year. It will cost SR3.3 million.

A second SR9.2 million project, in Hail, provides for the production of 600 tons of cucumbers and 450 tons of tomatoes a year in

green houses. The third SR21.3 project, in Makkah, will produce 400,000 heads of cattle every year. The three projects will supplement previous ones. They will be carried out by the private sector with financing from the Agricultural Bank.

Meanwhile, the Agricultural Bank in Hofuf announced Tuesday that the bank's Eastern Province branches in Hafir-el-Baten, Qatif and Hofuf have given 1,303 loans during the past nine months for agricultural and livestock projects totaling SR137.6 million.

Britons to seek larger share in Saudi economy

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 9 — A British trade mission, representing 13 companies, will visit the Kingdom March 12 to promote British contributions to the development of the Saudi Arabian economy.

According to the British embassy's commercial department Tuesday, the mission is organized by the Engineering Industries Association (EIA) in cooperation with the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB).

The total trade between the two countries increased considerably between 1979 and 1980. U.K. exports to Saudi Arabia during 1978 stood at £785.73 million, increasing to £892.97 million in 1979 and £1,050 million in 1980.

However, imports from Saudi Arabia in the same period more than doubled. The 1978 figure of £870.47 million, rose to £1,115.46 million in 1979 and shot to £1,927.58 million in 1980, further widening the trade deficit with the Kingdom.

The team will stay in Jeddah from March 12 to 21; visit Dhahran March 21 to 25 and Riyadh March 26 to 29.

The mission offers a wide range of engineering products including, water tanks, air conditioning and industrial ventilation, welding equipment, electrical control gear, mechanical and pipeline equipment.

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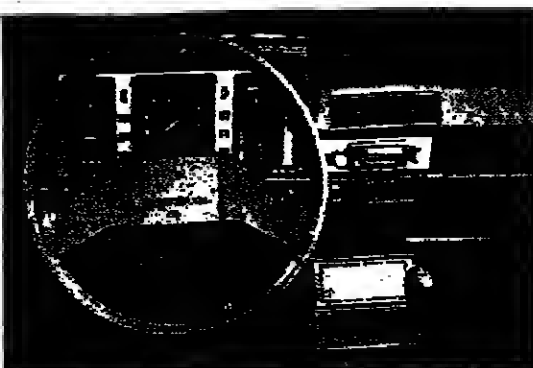
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Turkey denies Western reports on Iran rebels

ANKARA, March 9 (AP) — Turkey Monday officially denied Western news reports claiming that Iranian exiles financed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) have formed paramilitary units in eastern Turkey.

Acting Foreign Minister Ilhan Oztrak called the reports "completely untrue" and "irresponsible" in a written statement distributed to the press. The denial was apparently triggered by a *New York Times* report Sunday which claimed that the United States was secretly aiding Iranian paramilitary and political exile groups. The paper, quoting Western

U.S. to sell 200 missiles to Israelis

WASHINGTON, March 9 (APF) — The U.S. government asked Congress Monday to approve the sale to Israel of an additional 200 ground-to-air missiles.

A Defense Department statement said the missiles, to cost \$47 million and be mounted on mobile ramps should have "no appreciable impact on the balance of forces in the region." It said that Jordan had the same type of Hawk missiles but they were mounted on stationary ramps.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, provoking anger from Israel, indicated a few weeks ago that Washington could sell mobile ramps to Jordan. He hardened the position in a news conference Monday, saying "It does seem to me that it is essential" that Jordan's missiles be mobile.

intelligence sources, said under a program run by the CIA, two paramilitary units of Iranian exiles and some Kurdish elements in eastern Turkey were receiving U.S. financial support.

The report said one of the units had 6,000 to 8,000 members and was commanded by the former Iranian Rear Admiral Amad Amdani and a smaller second one was run by the Shah's former chief of staff, Gen. Bahram Aryana. Oztrak said it was "out of the question for activities negatives toward Iran to take place within Turkish borders."

"On the contrary, Turkey nurtures only feelings of friendliness for its neighbor Iran," he stated.

Oztrak said Turkish-Iranian relations had currently reached "even a better level." He pointed out that Turkey's Deputy Premier Turgut Ozal was in Iran at the time the reports on paramilitary units were published.

Ozal hopes to double the trade volume between Iraq and Turkey as a result of his talks in Tehran. Turkey buys Iranian crude oil and finds a growing market for its export goods in this neighboring country. According to official reports, the sides have reached preliminary agreement during Ozal's visit to build joint pipelines which would pump Iranian crude oil and natural gas through Turkey.

With these developments in mind, Oztrak said, it was, "at least irresponsible for the press of friendly countries to prepare the groundwork for rumors which others hope to spread against our country in this respect."

Oztrak claimed such reports originated from those who wanted to harm growing good relations between Turkey and Iran and openly asked the Iranians not to pay attention.

Rebels bomb ministry in Afghan capital

ISLAMABAD, March 9 (AP) — Islamic rebels bombed the education ministry in Kabul March 5 as part of a continuing attack on educational institutions supporting the Soviet line on Afghanistan, Western diplomatic officials said here Tuesday.

Windows of the building were broken and shops on the bottom floor were heavily damaged, they said. The extent of injuries was not known. The officials said 2,000 school buildings have been damaged by anti-government insurgents since the People's Democratic Party (PDP) grabbed power in April 1978. Most schools and educational institutes are closed as a result of the civil war.

The officials also said Soviet and government aircraft by mistake bombed their own troops near Estekham bridge, between Sarobi and Jalalabad, in Nangarhar province. The number of casualties was unknown. Jalalabad was the scene of night-long fighting between the Soviet-backed government troops and rebels March 6, the officials said.

Meanwhile, U.S. President Ronald Reagan is proclaiming March 21 as Afghanistan Day to call attention to that country's continued domination by the Soviet Union. That day, the first day of spring, is celebrated in Afghanistan as the start of the new year. Reagan will sign the proclamation Wednesday in the East Room.

The House and Senate passed resolutions last week calling attention to Afghanistan as "a nation occupied and terrorized by over 80,000 troops." The resolution said, "The continued Soviet occupation of Afghanistan is causing enormous suffering among the people of Afghanistan, as well as the deprivation of their basic right of national sovereignty."

Disappointed with Mitterrand 4 Palestinian mayors urge EEC recognition of PLO

TEL AVIV, March 9 (APF) — Four Palestinian mayors, apparently disappointed by French President Francois Mitterrand's speech last week in the Israeli parliament, Tuesday called on the European Economic Community (EEC) to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The four — who met last Thursday in Israel with French External Relations Minister

Claude Cheysson — said recognition of the PLO would amount to recognition of the Palestinian people. "In the eyes of the Europeans, President Mitterrand may have made a gesture," said Bassam Shakaa, mayor of Nablus and one of the four to seek the EEC initiative, in a reference to Mitterrand's speech last Thursday mentioning a Palestinian homeland.

"But he did not touch on the basic problem: how to create a homeland for the refugees — how to stop aggressive Israeli policies," he added. "By making an official visit to Israel, without inviting (PLO leader) Yasser Arafat, he is encouraging Israeli aggressions."

The other mayors were Rashad El Shawa of Gaza, Elias Freij of Bethlehem and Karim Khalaf of Ramallah. Calling Mitterrand's speech "very weak," Khalaf said, "I can allow for someone being pro-Israeli, but I can't allow silence on the Israeli occupation." Khalaf lost a foot in a June 2, 1980 bombing of his car. Shakaa lost both legs in a similar attack the same day.

Arafat welcomed in East Berlin

BERLIN, March 9 (AP) — Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat arrived Tuesday in East Berlin for what the official East German news agency described as "an official visit of friendship."

Chairman Erich Honecker, head of state and leader of the ruling Socialist Unity Party, was on hand at East Berlin's Schoenefeld Airport to welcome Arafat with military honors.

Bakhtiar blames murder bid on Iran

PARIS, March 9 (APF) — Former Iranian Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar told a French court near here that the five men on trial for his attempted assassination had acted on "inspiration from Iran."

Bakhtiar, who served 37 days as the last prime minister under the late Shah, testified at the trial in the Nanterre Courthouse, near Paris, amid tight security precautions. As in previous sessions, the defendants had refused to appear in court. They are being tried for attempting to murder.

Bakhtiar was attacked at his Paris apart-

ment last July that left two persons dead and three others wounded. Bakhtiar called the defendants "an extraordinary mixture in connivance with" the Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini. He told the court that Ayatollah Khomeini had always "fiercely opposed him because he wanted to restore democracy and defuse violence in Iran."

The occasionally rocky trial had only one disruption Monday by an Iranian demanding to speak. Police said the man, who was expelled, was a nephew of Ayatollah Khomeini. The verdict should be handed down Wednesday.

UNRWA seeks \$20m aid to finance schools

UNITED NATIONS, March 9 (R) — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has appealed for \$20 million for the U.N. relief agency for Palestine refugees, UNRWA, to save 10,000 teachers' jobs and keep 340,000 children in school.

He said the agency had assured income to finance its 643 schools only until the end of May and pledges of new funds must be made by April 30 at the latest. In his statement, Perez de Cuellar said peace and stability of the region depended on resolving the "critical financial situation."

The request has been submitted for the agenda of the General Assembly, which is due to reconvene next week. UNRWA cares for about 2 million Palestinian refugees.

Egypt, Israel reach accord on Sinai town

TEL AVIV, March 9 (R) — Egypt and Israel have agreed on how to divide a northern Sinai town.

The agreement on splitting the town of Rafah without demolishing houses or evicting people was reached Monday by Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Israel's Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, Ali's due to return for another meeting with Israeli leaders next week.

The two ministers Monday surveyed 15 disputed points to pinpoint their exact location. According to the Camp David peace agreements, this line is to mark the new area of demarcation between Israel and Egypt.

Ali and Sharon did not reach agreement Monday on the Red Sea port of Eilat. The two countries are in dispute there over a piece of land that includes a holiday village and a hotel.

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Lebanese cargo ship blown up by Israelis

BEIRUT, March 9 (AP) — Explosive charges blew up a Lebanese cargo ship at the Palestinian commando-controlled port city of Tyre in southern Lebanon overnight Tuesday, Lebanese state radio reported.

The Beirut-based radio said the blast occurred despite "stringent security precautions by local armed elements" mounted after the vessel docked at the Tyre harbor.

Abandoned Greek ship rescued

ATHENS, March 9 (R) — A Greek ship which caught fire in the Red Sea and was abandoned by its crew of 29 is being towed to port Tuesday, a spokesman for the Lea Shipping Company said.

He said the crew of the 8,224-tonne *Gay Fidelity* was rescued by the Romanian ship *Nasaud* Monday and was expected to arrive in Suez or Jeddah Tuesday night.

Gay Fidelity was en route from Bremen to Dammam with a cargo of barley when it caught fire, the spokesman said. The cause of the fire was unknown.

U.S. negotiator arrives in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 9 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib flew to Lebanon from Israel Tuesday on the seventh and possibly last leg on a Middle East tour designed to head off a war between Israel and the Palestinian commandos.

Habib made no comment as he departed from Israel airport after a day-long stay during which he met Prime Minister Menachem

Grand Sheikh buried

CAIRO, March 9 (AP) — About 10,000 persons attended the funeral of the Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar Mosque, the foremost seat of learning for millions of Muslims around the world.

Sheikh Abdul Rahman Bissar, 71, died in hospital Monday where he was being treated for a heart attack.

The funeral was attended by diplomats based in Cairo. Prime Minister Fuad Mawad led the mourners for about half a kilometer.

Kaddoumi to visit Rome

ROME, March 9 (R) — Farouk Kaddoumi, the "foreign minister" of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), will visit Rome next week for talks with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, will be here from March 16-19 and will also meet political party leaders.

Kaddoumi will meet the Pope — his first with a representative of the PLO.

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Girls' school on W. Bank teargassed

TEL AVIV, March 9 (AFP) — Primary school girls were hurt when they jumped from first-floor windows after Israeli troops fired tear gas at a girls' school in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah. Palestinian sources said Tuesday.

The incidents followed a demonstration favoring the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the reopening of Bir Zeit University, which was closed Feb. 16 by Israeli military authorities. The protest was one of five broken up by the Israeli military in Ramallah, the Palestinian sources said.

Sinai farmers resist police

TEL AVIV, March 9 (R) — Israeli farmers in a northern Sinai settlement refused to allow army engineers to dismantle their buildings Tuesday because of a dispute over government compensation payments.

But the dismantling operation of packing plants and other structures proceeded smoothly at other points in north Sinai, which Israel is to return to Egypt by April 26. The equipment is being moved to new communities set up by Israel in the southern Negev desert to accommodate many of the settlers who agreed to leave the Sinai, occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

The Israeli army's eviction of illegal squatters, who oppose the evacuation, began last week but many of them skirted army barricades and returned to the area. Most of them moved into Yamit, the area's largest town.

Istanbul German consulate opens with police protection

ISTANBUL, March 9 (R) — The visa office of the West German Consulate here reopened with police protection Tuesday after being closed for several days because of a bomb threat and a series of other threatening phone calls.

The threat and calls followed reports in the mass-circulation daily *Gunaydin*, saying a German security official in the visa section had used bad words about Turks. The West German Embassy in Ankara denied the allegation and protested verbally to the foreign ministry Monday over "irresponsible journalism."

The visa section was closed last Friday after the bomb threat. It remained closed Monday because, according to West German Embassy sources, Istanbul authorities had not provided police protection. *Gunaydin*'s reports, which quoted a West German woman married to a Turk as saying a consulate security man had abused Turks, caused a stir in Turkey.

Other newspapers have raised the general question of Turkish-West German relations and particularly the situation of the 1.5 million Turkish workers in West Germany.

Gunaydin carried a front-page headline Tuesday, saying: "Turks are the first victims

of hatred of foreigners in Germany." It said one Turk had been killed and two wounded in recent incidents in West Germany.

A columnist in the independent daily *Mil-Liyet* wrote: "Tuerken raus" (Turks out) has become a widespread slogan ... Whatever is done, it must come soon, before the hatred of Turks turns into racism. Something can be done if Ankara and Bonn handle this issue without getting angry," the columnist added.

Iran official assassinated

TEHRAN, March 9 (AFP) — Iranian Navy official Hojatolislam Muhammad Chavushi, has died after being shot Sunday on a motorway here, the daily *Kayhan* reported here Tuesday.

The daily said that Hojatolislam Chavushi, who worked in the political-ideology bureau of the logistical section of the Iranian Navy, was driving on the Chamran highway when two passengers in a white Chevrolet which had passed him opened fire. Chavushi died Monday night in hospital from his wounds.

A military official with him was also wounded in the attack.

Qaddafi calls Libya exiles for talks

BEIRUT, March 9 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has invited his exiled opponents to a reconciliation meeting during his visit to Austria this week, the official Libyan news agency Jana said Tuesday.

Jana said the four-day visit, which starts Wednesday, would provide an opportunity for Libyans living abroad "either because of their specializations or for other reasons" to discuss with Qaddafi obstacles to their return to Libya. In 1980, unidentified gunmen assassinated several Libyans living in Europe

and the Libyan Revolutionary Committee called for the "physical liquidation" of opponents of the Libyan government abroad.

Jana said the purpose of the meeting with the exiles would be "to find appropriate ways to help them return to Libya and take part in the construction of the country." Austrian officials said Qaddafi's talks in Vienna would concentrate on economic matters and possible Austrian projects in Libya, though the Middle East question was bound to come up.

Mrs. Mair named for top U.N. post on Palestine

UNITED NATIONS, March 9 (AP) — Mrs. Lucille Mair of Jamaica Monday became the first woman in the United Nations' 36-year history to be named a U.N. undersecretary-general.

An undersecretary-general is second only to the secretary-general in regular order of the U.N. hierarchy, and makes a gross salary of \$96,765.

Mrs. Mair's rank of undersecretary-general of the United Nations came with a new post of secretary-general of the international conference on the question of Palestine to which she was appointed by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

That conference was called for in a resolution on Palestine that the General Assembly adopted July 29, 1980, in emergency session on the Palestine question. It is to be held not later than 1984.

Mrs. Mair last year became special adviser for women's development to the U.N. children's fund — UNICEF. In that post, she has had the rank of assistant secretary-general, which carries a salary of \$85,864.

Reports on arrests denied by Bahrain

MANAMA, March 9 (AFP) — A Bahrain government spokesman Tuesday denied charges made by two international human rights organizations that authorities recently imprisoned 3,160 persons accused of links with Iran and that six of those arrested had been tortured to death.

The spokesman said the government "expressed its regrets that certain persons have infiltrated respectable associations to strike out at truth with lying accusations against the state of Bahrain." The claims were made by an international legal group and an Islamic Human Rights Commission.

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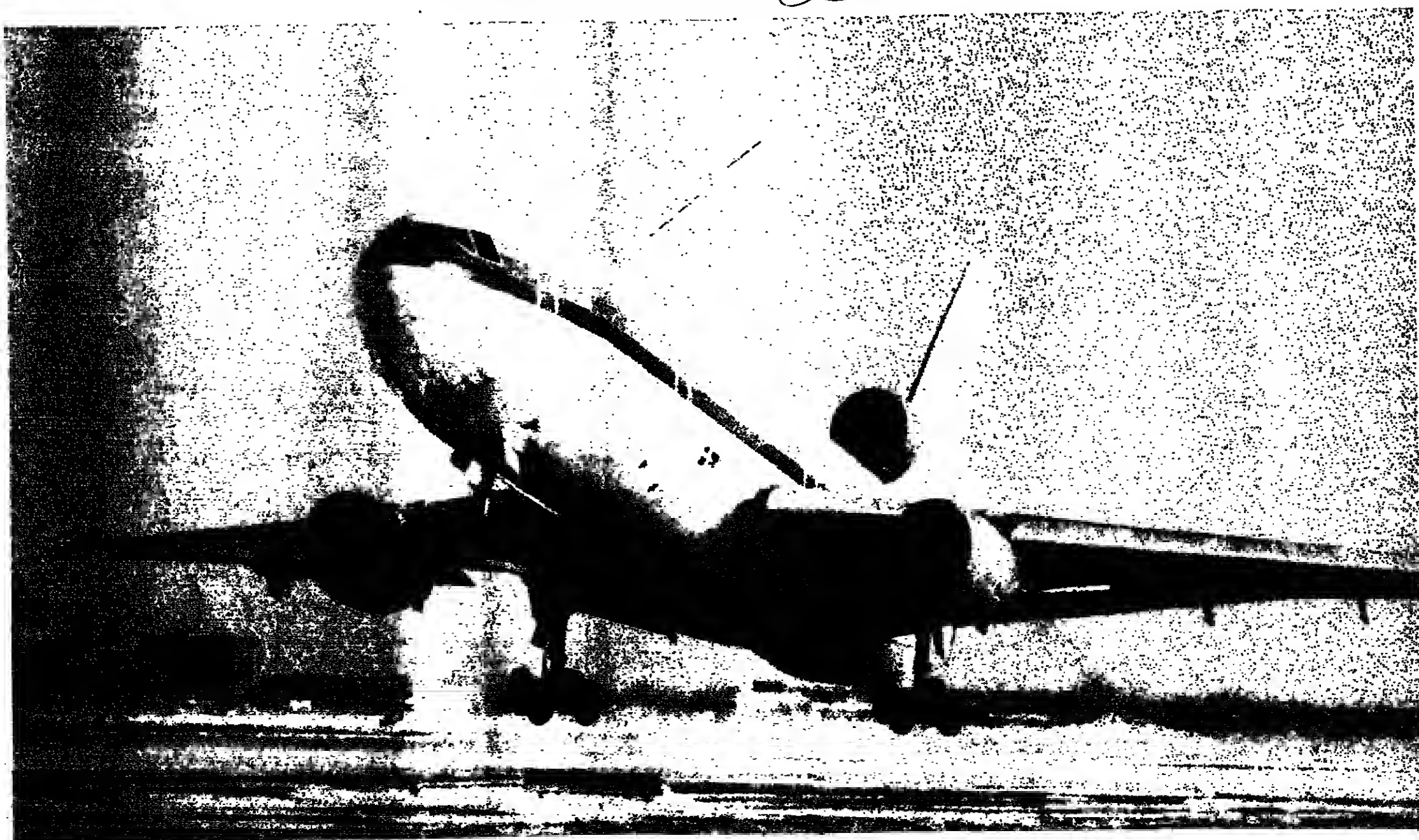
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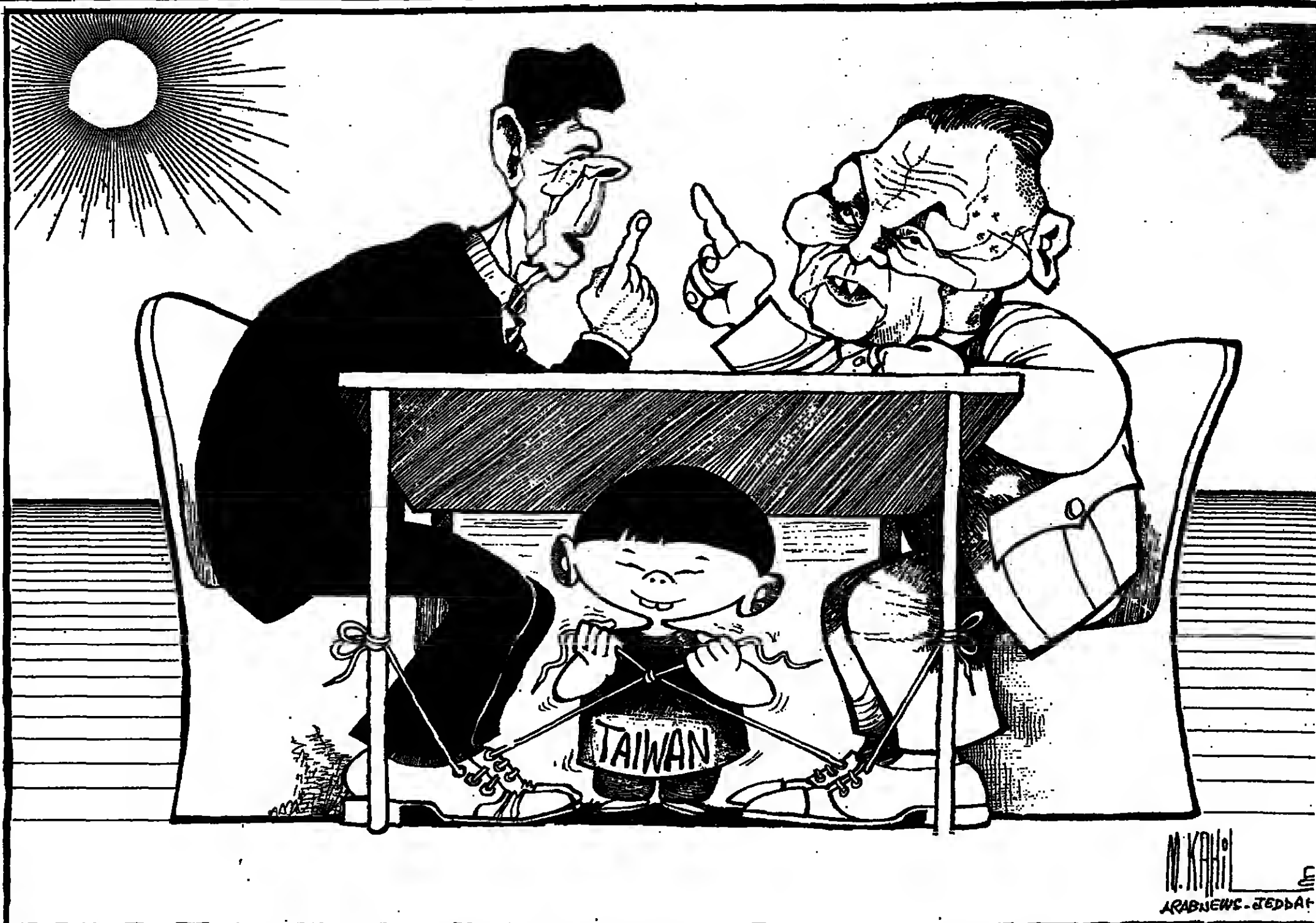
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Conservatives disillusioned with Reagan

By Neil Lewis

WASHINGTON — As the most conservative president elected in decades, Ronald Reagan was wildly applauded by America's conservative movement when he came to the White House little more than a year ago. But many of those ideological warriors now seem to have become his harshest critics. In a recent well-publicized event, a group of right-wing writers and thinkers met Reagan to express disappointment with the course of his administration. Their complaint is that Reagan has forsaken his philosophical roots for political compromise. In short, they believe Reagan, who has made a career out of conservative rhetoric, has been too timid in attempting to implement that approach. These are the kind of conservatives for whom the vilest epithet to hurl at a fellow Republican is "pragmatist." They have three main charges: Reagan has not moved to implement their social agenda opposing abortion and the busing of schoolchildren for integration, as well as promoting

prayer in public schools.

— The Reagan economic program of drastic cuts in spending, on which nationwide criticism has focused, does not go far enough.

— Many of the people surrounding the president are not "true Reaganites," but rather moderate Republicans uncommitted to drastic change.

— We love what he has been saying. We can't get enough of it," conservative columnist John Lofton said. "It's just that we're greatly worried that Ronald Reagan is not going to get what he wants."

Their strongest criticism is reserved for those moderate Republicans surrounding the president, people with prior political connections to Vice-President George Bush, for instance. "According to participants at the Feb. 1 meeting with Reagan, Chief of Staff James Baker and Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver were singled out. Baker managed Bush's unsuccessful presidential campaign and Deaver is a longtime Reagan family friend.

The increasing rancor of the critics has begun to annoy those on the receiving end and their friends. One Republican associate of those in the White

House fumed: "Who is a true Reaganite?" The individual, who asked not to be named, noted that Lofton once worked under Bush at the Republican National Committee. Another conservative critic, Richard Viguerie, supported John Connally and Congressman Philip Crane for president originally, not Ronald Reagan, he said.

Viguerie, who is publisher of the conservative *Digest* and the mastermind of direct-mail fundraising for conservative causes, last week said a poll of conservatives attending a Washington conference gave the administration a "C" rating for its performance in many areas.

Don Todd, of the American Conservative Union, said many conservatives did not agree with the relentless criticism of the president from his supposed friends. "You expect to be attacked by your enemies," he said, "but this is too much."

Aside from personnel, the administration has come under attack from other conservative quarters for not going far enough in trying to reduce the federal budget.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative center

for research on public affairs, said the president recently presented budget was not bold enough. "The Reagan budget knife is still too dull," foundation said in a report expressing its disappointment.

Reagan went on the offensive in an address week to the Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC), an umbrella group of several conservative organizations. He sought to reassure longtime philosophical friends he was still committed conservative they once knew him. Last year he said in a speech to the same group social issues would have to await his actions on economy.

In attempting to re-establish his kinship with hard-core right wing, he told the audience that his economic programs were social programs.

A warning to the critics was sounded the next day by Republican Congressman Mickey Edwards of Oklahoma, the chairman of CPAC. He told conservatives to be patient lest the movement suffer the fate of the scorpion which turns on itself and dies. (R)

SUMMER CLOUD

The bonds between Bahrain and Qatar are as deep as they are extensive, forming a relation of special closeness even within the larger family of the Arab Gulf. The present disagreement between them over the islands of Hawar, which are so small that they do not always appear on the map, cannot therefore but be a passing affair. Whatever view one takes of the disagreement, the fact remains that its scale in comparison to the history of brotherhood between the two peoples is minuscule. Prince Saud Al Faisal called it a summer cloud. "Hawar" in Arabic means "dialogue". Thus in this case to name the bone of contention is to prescribe the remedy. If there is a problem which is susceptible to rational discussion it must surely be this one, especially now that the two brotherly countries are partners in the Gulf Cooperation Council, whose other members are currently helping the two sides reach an amicable agreement.

It is of course natural that disagreements of this type might take place, but that ought not to be a reason for complacency regarding them. The Arab countries of the Gulf have placed on them enormous responsibilities toward themselves as well as the Arab world, in the way of social and economic development as well as of security. It is therefore imperative that any side issue is quickly brought under control and a solution acceptable to all sides is worked out, in order that the tempo of advance on the essential fronts is not impaired.

Saudi Arabian press review

The successful outcome of King Fahd's talks with Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, Crown Prince Fahd's remarks on the Kingdom's oil policy and Libyan leader Qaddafi's destructive acts against Arab unity, were the main topics for editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.

Hailing the successful outcome of Saudi Arabian-Senegalese talks, *Okaz* said the talks between King Fahd and President Diouf have opened new vistas for meaningful cooperation between the two countries and greatly helped in coordinating their stances toward backing Palestinian, Afghan and African causes. "Moreover, the talks will also clear the way for confronting the Zionist attempts to penetrate into Africa," it said.

The paper observed that the Kingdom's policy toward Africa is based on fraternity, cooperation and support for any African nation whose integrity, independence and sovereignty are threatened by any foreign power. "Hence, the Kingdom spares no efforts in backing and aiding African nations, particularly those suffering from drought," it added.

Al-Jazirah, *Al-Madinah* and *Al-Bilad* dealt with Col. Qaddafi's false accusations against the Kingdom and his destructive acts against Arab unity. *Al-Madinah* said the Kingdom remains undisturbed by the fabricated lies of the Libyan leader as "it is determined to work silently for achieving maximum international support for the Arab causes and backing the Arab and Islamic nation in the face of international challenges and dangers."

The paper referred to Arab, Islamic and African meetings held in Riyadh and Jeddah for reinforcing Arab and Islamic solidarity, and to the Kingdom's formulation of a model plan for forging comprehensive Arab unity and its efforts to foil any Zionist penetration in Africa.

Al-Nadwa hailed the remarks of Crown Prince Fahd in the cabinet meeting in which he stressed the Kingdom's rational oil policy will always give priority to reinforcing the unity of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The paper said the Kingdom is following a sound, practical and balanced oil policy based on sound economic factors. *Al-Jazirah* called for the total isolation of Qaddafi from the Arabs and for his removal from power in Libya to safeguard the Arab and Libyan national interests as "Qaddafi's services to the enemies of the Arabs and Islam have surpassed all expectations."

"The isolation of Qaddafi does not mean the isolation of the brotherly Libyan people, who deserve all support to save them from the wicked acts of the insane Qaddafi," it said. *Al-Riyadh* said the history of the U.S. Mideast policy, since the days of Henry Kissinger up to Philip Habib's shuttle mission, has provided a very negative attitude of U.S. leaders toward the just causes of the Arabs, disregarding the Zionist aggressions on Arab lands.

The paper strongly criticized the unlimited U.S. military, economic and political support for Israel which aggravates the Zionist threat in the Middle East and enables Israel to hold on to its illegal occupation of Arab lands. (SPA)

Schmidt party headed for showdown over NATO's N- strategy

By Chris Catlin

CRITICS and supporters of NATO nuclear strategy within West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) are drawing up the battle lines for a public confrontation next month. The forum, an SPD National Congress opening in Munich on April 19, presents Chancellor Helmut Schmidt with the task of fending off a range of challenges to government policy from his own party ranks.

Just a month ago, Schmidt won a unanimous parliamentary vote of confidence from left-liberal coalition deputies who knew dissent could have doomed the government to collapse.

In Munich the stakes are not so high — even though Schmidt has pinned his career on NATO plans to base new U.S. medium-range missiles in West Germany from next year unless Moscow agrees to arms curbs.

Within days of the Bundestag (lower house) vote, SPD anxiety over the 1979 NATO decision bubbled to the surface again in several local party motions on security and defense.

Draft motions forwarded by the 22 regional and state party organizations fill a 508-page dossier on security questions alone.

The five-day congress, which will also tackle employment policy, is urged by some groups to

withdraw SPD support for deployment of the Cruise and Pershing II missiles. Others seek a nuclear-free zone in Central Europe. One of the biggest SPD party regions, South Hesse, with 38 congress delegates, wants the NATO decision revoked outright.

Several more, with over 150 delegates between them, call for a deployment freeze during current U.S.-Soviet arms talks in Geneva, an idea actively promoted by Moscow.

All contradict the line taken by Chancellor Schmidt, who argues Moscow would have no incentive to negotiate unless the West sticks to the missile deployment schedule. At first glance, his position at the congress looks far from easy. His stance has the outright support of the largest party region, West Westphalia, with 60 of the 400 delegates, and of other regions accounting for a further 70 or so.

Congress arithmetic has fascinated the West German press, but the drawback of even the most scientific calculations is that delegates are not bound to back their regional line. "If that were so, there wouldn't really be any point in having a congress," said an SPD aide.

Much therefore depends on how delegates respond to speeches by Schmidt, party chairman Willy Brandt, who predicts broad support for party leadership guidelines, and left-wing critics headed

by Erhard Eppler, a member of the 12-man SPD Presidium. Party manager Peter Glotz, in the most optimistic assessment, says opponents of the NATO decision will be outnumbered four to one.

Left-wingers say that balance could be reversed were it not for Schmidt's long-standing resignation threat. Some SPD officials think the NATO critics might nevertheless capture one-third of the vote.

The leadership's keynote resolution, drafted by disarmament expert Egon Bahr, aims to postpone any showdown and probably goes as far as Schmidt can toward accommodating the waverers.

The text says none of the 108 Pershing and 96 Cruise missiles West Germany is committed to taking should be deployed before a special SPD congress in autumn 1983 reviews the decision in the light of the Geneva arms talks. In an apparent concession, the idea of a moratorium during the negotiations is incorporated in the motion — but limited to short-range nuclear weapons.

This would affect neutron weapons and planned replacements for West Germany's aging Pershing-I missiles, which can be armed with American-held warheads.

SPD sources say the motion aims to give Moscow an incentive to negotiate seriously while making clear to Washington that the SPD wants to see results in Geneva by 1983. "It's ambivalent, but it

corresponds to our interest in a zero option," SPD aide said.

That option, which the U.S. has made negotiating goal at Geneva, would commit NATO to dropping the deployment plan if the Soviet Union scrapped its already-deployed arsenal SS-20 and other medium-range missiles.

Schmidt has stopped from one regional conference to another, telling party comrades the vote are fed up with SPD arguments and pleading them not to "pull out the rug from under Geneva talks." His difficulties were highlighted the Lower Rhine SPD Conference in Essen, where delegates gave him an ovation — then voted favor of a moratorium.

The chancellor has since sought to play down importance of the biennial congress, predicting while there will be an inner-party debate it will be "too intense."

He told the French daily *Le Monde* recently it wrong to attach too much importance to a party conference, since West German governments are not constitutionally bound by congress decisions. "After all, parties in power realize that only majority in parliament really counts," he said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 10th, the 69th day of 1982. There are 296 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

- 1624 — England declares war on Spain; Dutch expedition to Bahia, Brazil.
- 1814 — Napoleon Bonaparte is forced to withdraw at battle of Laon, France.
- 1862 — Britain and France recognize independence of Zanzibar.
- 1893 — French colonies of French Guiana, Ivory Coast are formally established.
- 1919 — Nationalists riot in Cairo following deportation from Egypt of Said Zaghlul Pasha.
- 1922 — Strikes break out in Johannesburg, South Africa, and martial law is declared.
- 1942 — Rangoon, Burma, falls to Japanese World War II.
- 1946 — Britain and France begin evacuating Lebanon; Italian women vote in local elections for the first time.
- 1959 — United Nations General Conference approves International Wheat Agreement.
- 1972 — Cambodia's Premier Lon Nol is overthrown; control of Cambodian government passes to the Khmer Rouge.
- 1975 — North Vietnamese troops seize most of South Vietnam; provincial capital of Ban Thout in central highlands.
- 1980 — Special United Nations panel, led by Tehran, Iran, without seeing U.S. hostages at Ayatollah Khomeini gives full support to militia at U.S. Embassy.

Thought for today: Revenge is always the weak pleasure of a liar and narrow mind—Juvenal, Roman satirist (about 60-140 A.D.).

Rimini exhibition attracts 100,000 visitors

Italy's top food fair seeks to boost trade relations with Arab countries

By Hussein Dakroub

Arab News Staff

RIMINI, Italy — The Italian city of Rimini last month played host to Italy's first and most important food exhibition and West Europe's third leading food fair. Italy's 12th International Fair for Hotel Catering and Foodstuffs was held here from Feb. 14 to Feb. 21. It was opened by the President of the Emilia-Romagna Regional Council Ottorino Bartolini, in the presence of the Mayor of Rimini Zeno Zaffagnini, the President of the Rimini Fair Board Rodolfo Lopes Pegna, local and national authorities and a large number of visitors.

The fair, which mainly dealt with food products, catering and food supply, is held every year in this city on the Adriatic Sea. The week-long fair attracted more than 100,000 Italian and foreign visitors, according to Rimini Fair Board President Lopes Pegna.

Twenty-seven Countries

Of the 801 companies participating in the annual fair, 303 were foreign companies representing 27 countries, mainly from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Holland, Belgium, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Mexico, Hungary and Cuba. The fair's pavilions and exhibitors' stands occupied an area of 23,000 square meters.

The fair is regarded here as Italy's first and most important food exhibition and as the third leading one in West Europe.

In an interview with *Arab News*, Rimini Fair Board President Lopes Pegna said that



Rodolfo Lopes Pegna, president of the Rimini Fair Board.

"Italian companies aspire to boost mutual business with the Arab world and seek to bring closer the viewpoints between Italy and the Arab world," he stated.

Lopes Pegna said that the Rimini Fair serves as a meeting place for consumers and producers and "provides the opportunity for Italian and foreign companies to meet with each other and do business in the interest of the two sides."

The fair was organized by private and independent groups in Italy in close coopera-

tion with the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade. These groups, which are recognized by the government, are specialized in supplying foodstuffs to hotels, restaurants, hospitals and schools.

This year there were 20 more companies than participated in last year's fair. The products and items exhibited at the fair covered the normal diet, such as fresh and preserved meat, fish, eggs, ready dishes, pasta, milk and dairy products, oils, animal and vegetable fats, dressings, sauces, broth, spices, greens, vegetables, legumes, mushrooms, fresh fruit, preserved and dried fruit, fruit juices, jams, sweets, cakes, confectionery products, starch and floury foods, biscuits, mineral water, effervescents and soft drinks.

The catering sector is expanding. During the past few years, the catering business in Italy has witnessed a great expansion. According to some estimates, there are 170 companies employing 30,000 people in the catering sector. These companies package about 300 million meals every year, mostly for foodstuffs companies, schools, hotels and public sector refectories.

Besides providing a meeting place for international businessmen, the Rimini Fair also serves as a showcase for the most technically advanced novelties in the field of catering and food supply and for new methods in preparing food. With a high concentration of demand and supply in the food sector, the fair gives a great opportunity for the estimated 100,000 visitors to bargain and strike deals during the one-week gathering.

Asked why Rimini has been chosen for the fair, Lopes Pegna replied, "Rimini is not only a touristic city, but also the core of Europe's tourism. It lies on the Adriatic Sea and provides a good place for people to meet and

exhibit products. There are about 4,500 hotels in Rimini and the surrounding area."

Does the Italian government play any role in the fair? Lopes Pegna answered in the negative. "The government's role is confined to giving the fair the chance to exist by providing it with the fair's label. The government, while looking at the fair favorably, does not in any way extend any financial contribution to such fairs," he stressed.

Lopes Pegna revealed that the government has representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Industry in the 42-member assembly of the Rimini Fair Board.

Meanwhile, most company managers participating in the fair had a word of praise for the fair and agreed that the fair is yielding satisfactory results.

Excellent Results

Roberto Palazzi, the general manager of an Italian company specializing in food products, said the Rimini Fair is becoming more internationalized. "The fair is giving good, if not excellent, results in Italy," he said. Palazzi supports the holding of the fair every year, "because the fair helps in promoting Italian products in the world, especially in West Europe."

Miss Josiane Clascuin, the export manager of a French company, believes that the fair is helping in promoting French products. "The Rimini Fair is providing the opportunity to sell more French products to Italy," she said.

Her company, which deals with frozen foods, frozen cakes and sweets, has participated in the fair for the past four years. "We will participate every year because the fair is helping in the expansion of our market," she added.

Dott Mario Rosanova, the manager of an Italian company for preserved food products, said his company is seeking to expand its market in the Arabian Gulf states. "I will soon visit some Gulf states to promote our company's products," he said.

Rosanova expressed satisfaction with the results of the Rimini Fair, "which is aiding in the promotion of our company's products." He believes the fair provides a good opportunity for the benefit of both the producers and consumers.

The importance of the Rimini Fair, as one company representative put it, stems from the fact that the fair serves as the arena for the commercialization of Italian food products abroad. "And also from the many business transactions and trade agreements that take place during and after the fair," he explained.

The sponsors of the Rimini Fair believe that the fair is yielding "a very important promotional result because it opens new markets and commercial outlets for the advanced Italian technology in the catering sector."

Peace Would Strengthen Trade

How does the Rimini Fair Board view the Middle East crisis? Lopes Pegna emphasized that the Fair Board is anxious to see an early settlement to the Middle East problem "so that economic relations can be further enhanced between Italy and the Arab countries."

"We look for the day when peace and stability are restored to the Middle East, because peace is the key to strengthening trade and economic relations and tourism," he added.

While stressing that war in the Middle East badly affects Europe, Italy and the fair, Lopes Pegna said that West Europe and Italy support a United Nations-sponsored political solution to the Middle East conflict. "A U.N. solution that guarantees the rights of all countries in the area," he explained.

Lopes Pegna voiced support for the Venice Declaration which "affirms that all countries in the area, including the Palestinians and Israel, must have peace and security."

Praising Saudi Arabia for its wise and prudent attitudes at the regional and international forums, the Rimini Fair Board president said, "Europe considers the leaders of Saudi Arabia as wise and intelligent leaders and looks at them with much respect and appreciation."



OPENING: The President of the Emilia-Romagna Regional Council Ottorino Bartolini is seen cutting the ribbon at the opening of Italy's 12th International Fair for Hotel Catering and Foodstuffs in Rimini on Feb. 14. At the right is the President of the Rimini Fair Board, Rodolfo Lopes Pegna, and at the left is the Mayor of Rimini Zeno Zaffagnini.

Students mastermind 'leaks'

Computer 'loopholes' occur regularly, provide private data to wrong parties

By Lee Dembart

LOS ANGELES (LAT) The discovery of a relatively simple method to breach the security of a widely used computer system has focused renewed attention on how to keep electronic records safe from mischief-makers and malefactors.

Many experts say the best way to do it is to encode the data in a computer's files in an unbreakable code so that even if an unauthorized person gains access to the material, he cannot read it.

"Our whole electronic system is vulnerable to any kid sitting at home at an Atari 800," said Leonard Adleman of the University of Southern California, one of the developers of the unbreakable codes that have received much publicity in the last five years but are still rarely used.

"More and more of our economy and our society are caught up in that electronic system, which right now is wide open to abuse," Adleman said. "The best hope that we've come across so far of protecting that is cryptography."

But recognizing the problem and initiating a solution are two different matters.

One problem is that encoding everything in a computer's files — and arranging for it to be decoded when someone wants to see it — is expensive because of time and the amount of computer resources required to do it.

In general, the manufacturers of computer systems have not felt much pressure from users to install that kind of security. They also have been slow to respond to the need for other safeguards within their systems.

"The commercial vendors are not all that anxious to make huge changes because of the financial investment and because making the changes is technically difficult," said Willis Ware, a member of the corporate research staff of the Rand Corp. in Santa Monica, Calif.

Further complicating the problem is the federal government's desire to restrict research in cryptography on national security grounds. The government is afraid that countries that it regularly spies on also will use the newly developed cryptography to improve their codes and keep their message secret.

But the effect of the government's efforts may be to restrict the ability of private computer scientists to create unbreakable codes. (Some people have suggested that the government's real interest in restricting codes may be to enable it to continue domestic spying.)

The particular problem that computer manufacturers and users became aware of in recent weeks involves a flaw in the Unix operating system, which is manufactured by Bell Laboratories and enables one computer to serve many users at the same time through a time-sharing process.

There are other operating systems in use, including ones manufactured by IBM, Burroughs and Digital Equipment Corp., but Unix is one of the most popular.

The flaw enables a user at one terminal to masquerade as someone else and gain access to all information that the second person can get, including access to the computer system itself.

"A user who gets on and wants to be malicious can really destroy the system," said Richard Lipton, a computer scientist at

Princeton University.

Some experts say that the latest flaw, while startling, is just one in a long series of loopholes that are continually being found and plugged.

Ware of the Rand Corp. likened the situation to a recall of automobiles that occurs when a mistake is discovered years after the cars have been sold.

"People find loopholes in these operating system softwares, and they get fixed," Ware said. "Some number of years later, other smart people discover a loophole in one of them, and that gets fixed. Who knows when the next one will get found?"

Computer security normally is maintained by requiring users to have passwords, known only to them, such as those used at automated bank terminals.

40-million-year-old fly is found encased in amber

By George Alexander

LOS ANGELES (LAT) A tiny fly, embedded in a cube of amber and earmarked for the gift shop curio trade, has been found by a team of University of California, Berkeley, Scientists to be a surprisingly intact, 40-million-year-old specimen that may yield significant archeological insights.

"Its tissue structure is remarkably well-preserved," said Roberta Hess, a UC Berkeley research associate who peered at the little fly through an electron microscope that magnified the insect's features up to 65,000 times its normal size. "It looks a lot like the same kind of fly living today."

Researchers believe the fly to be an ancestor of the modern species *Mycetophila* diptera, more popularly known as the "fungus gnat" and familiar to many people as the tiny, slow-flying winged insect that bovers around flower pots or decomposing plant matter.

The amber-encased fly was brought to the attention of prof. George O. Poinar Jr., a UC Berkeley entomologist, several months ago by a salesman specializing in amber (hardened tree sap) curios. Poinar has an agreement with several of these specialists to show him any unusual or interesting specimens before marketing them.

According to Poinar, it has long been assumed that insects trapped in amber are just empty shells of their former selves.

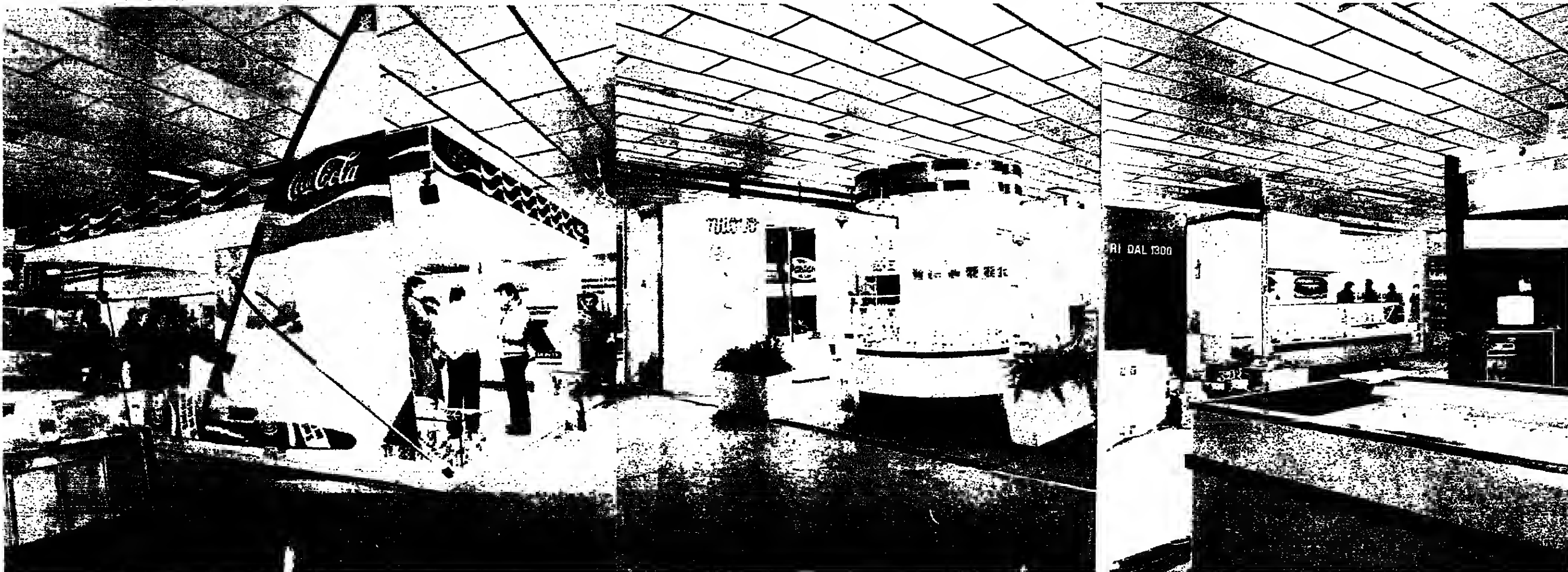
Whatever organs or tissues that were once there would have long since disintegrated, or so most people thought.

But when the Berkeley researchers looked at the ancient fly under the powerful magnification of an electron microscope — an instrument that uses a beam of electrons instead of light to reveal extremely fine detail in the object under scrutiny — they discovered that the insect and much of its internal matter had been very well mummified.

Poinar and Hess could make out muscle bundles, fat deposits and even individual cells. Looking at some of those cells under the highest magnification of the electron microscope, the Berkeley scientists could make out many of the constituent parts of the cell interior — the nucleus and objects like ribosomes and mitochondria.

Within the nuclei of these cells, the Berkeley team was further able to pick out chromatin, the complex of genes and proteins that make up chromosomes, the genetic blueprints by which a creature makes copies of itself in the form of progeny.

That genetic material is now undergoing additional studies in the biochemistry laboratory of prof. Allan C. Wilson. There, ancient molecules will be broken down into fragments by enzymes and Wilson will try, using the latest gene-splicing techniques, to produce a large number of copies of the molecules in bacteria.



PAVILION: Some of the several pavilions and stands at Italy's 12th International Fair for Hotel Catering and Foodstuffs held in Rimini last month. The pavilions and exhibitors' stands occupied an area of 23,000 square meters.

First indication of serious problems

Many mysteries surround senses of taste, smell

By David H. Rhineland

HARTFORD, Conn. (WP) — First it was the special things, such as the bracing smell of salt air and the savory taste of clam chowder, that were missing for Thomas F. Curry. The dining out became a waste of money — all food was bland — and it was obvious that he was gradually losing his sense of taste and smell.

Finally, he began to fear what he could not sense, fires he might not smell, or poison he might not taste.

"It's just out a handicap you talk about very much," Curry, a 53-year-old television producer at the University of Connecticut, said recently. "I was afraid people would think I was crazy. 'What do you mean, you can't taste or smell?' so I faked it."

Faking it, however, was driving Curry crazy. For the first year, the Hampton, Conn., resident didn't even dare tell his wife that he couldn't taste her cooking. Over the 3 1/2 years of his plight, he became increasingly depressed.

But now, thanks to a 6-month-old clinic at the University of Connecticut Health Center, which is one of the world's few centers for treating taste and smell disorders, Curry is cured.

"Last night we had brussels sprouts with cheese. I ate them and ate them. You wouldn't believe what a great relief it is. I can't tell you what a change it's made."

Funded by a three-year, \$2.3 million federal grant to the University of Connecticut's School of Dental Medicine, the Connecticut Chemoreceptor Clinical Research Center in Farmington, Conn., supports doctors from the University of Connecticut and Yale University as they treat patients and try to unravel the mysteries that surround taste and smell.

Distortion or loss of the senses can be the first indication of serious medical problems, such as strokes or brain tumors. Temporary or permanent loss of taste and smell also can follow head injuries or radiation therapy for head or neck cancer. Elderly people often report a progressive loss of their ability to distinguish smells.

Curry turned out to be a fairly typical patient for the clinic: doctors found small growths, called polyps, high in his nose just below his eye sockets. After two operations to remove the polyps, which blocked his olfactory system, he recovered both senses.

Of the clinic's first 65 patients, 20 were found to have nasal polyps. More than two-

thirds of the total had smell rather than taste problems.

But Curry's case also illustrated the complexity of the senses. Although he told doctors he couldn't taste food, the clinic's tests showed he could distinguish salty and sweet tastes.

"It's hard to make patients understand the differences between what we call taste and smell," said Dr. Frank A. Catalanotto, the UConn pediatric dentist who heads the project.

Researchers themselves have been perplexed by taste and smell, two curious and fundamentally different senses that haven't received serious scientific study until recently.

Taste is very specific, appearing to be composed of four distinct sensations — sweet, sour, salty and bitter. But it can be distorted: —Diet soda tastes bitter to millions of people because of a genetic trait they share. For the same reason, caffeine tastes much more bitter to them.

A mouthful of the African berry *synsepalum dulcificum* will make a lemon taste incredibly sweet. The Indian herb *Gymnema sylvestre* blocks sweetness.

Most toothpastes contain detergents that alter fruit tastes. Orange juice, for

instance, will taste bitter.

After some people eat an artichoke, bland tap water tastes deliciously sweet.

Smell, on the other hand, is more subjective, and how it works is not as clearly understood.

Disorders of taste and smell, in addition to being symptoms of other conditions, can cause serious problems. Some losses can be dangerous or destructive, such as the loss of smell to a firefighter, or of taste or smell to a chef.

Even ignorance of how these senses work can be harmful. Many people, for instance, grossly oversalt their food because they don't understand how their taste buds detect salt.

The mechanics of taste have become fairly clear, thanks in large part to the work of Marion E. Frank, a neurophysiologist in the University of Connecticut dental school.

The mouth's taste buds are made up of individual receptor cells — the ends of taste nerve fibers. For years, scientists debated whether taste buds were like eyes and ears — a single set of receptors that could distinguish a variety of sensations.

Frank's experiments with hamsters have demonstrated four distinct "channels" for the four tastes. How the taste buds work and how the brain translates their signals remain unclear.

Humans have a four-taste system. "There are many new mixtures of odors and an infinite number of colors," Frank said. "But there's never a really new taste — new flavors, perhaps, but only those four tastes."

A self-regulatory system helps animals keep a proper salt balance. Rats deprived of salt, for example, will drink salty water. When the salt level in their bodies returns to normal, however, their taste receptors become more sensitive and the animals draw back from the salty water.

In humans, the same system means "people do have a specific hunger for salt when they're salt-depleted," Bartoshuk said. But normally they don't need extra salt — just a little for taste.

That means cooks err by salting food to taste as it is cooked. Salt is detected only by the receptors on the surface of taste buds, Bartoshuk said, so only the few grains of salt on the surface of food are tasted as they touch the tongue.

All the extra salt poured into food goes untasted — but it can raise blood pressure and cause damage elsewhere in the body.

The sense of smell is more complex than taste, and far less understood, in both man and animals.

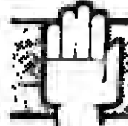
William S. Cain, a psychologist who also holds joint appointments at Yale and the Peirce Foundation, is the project's leading expert on the sense of smell.

"We may find that smell is as straightforward as taste once we know more," he said. "But it's often confused with flavor, which is a combination of taste and smell."

By Peter J. Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

HOW SAFE IS YOUR PILOT?



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I have flown hundreds of thousands of miles on commercial airlines. My business appointments keep me flying. To date, I've never been in an accident.

I have confidence in the planes and most of the pilots. However, I must confess that whenever I see a gray-haired captain enter the cockpit of my plane, I can't help wondering if his age enters into the question of pilot safety.

Is there anything new in physical and mental requirements of older pilots? I'd like to believe that everything is being done to make certain that older pilots are as safe as younger ones — Mr. D.

Dear Mr. D.: I have received similar letters from other readers. Such questions are understandable. Many of us still have slight doubts about flying safety when we buckle our seat belts.

According to a recent editorial in *Connecticut Medicine* (7/81), "Medical problems are not a major contributor to airline accidents, according to available evidence."

However, the Institute of Medicine committee added that the relationship between pilot error — which may be a major factor associated with accidents — and health status, is a relatively unexplored area.

The medical committee recommends that the Federal Aviation Administration's required medical examinations be less frequent but more comprehensive, and be updated to include the latest knowledge and technology.

The following questions need to be answered: 1. Is mandatory retirement of commercial airline pilots at age 60 or at any age medically warranted? 2. What is the effect of age on pilot performance? 3. Is the content and frequency of the current FAA medical examination adequate?

One example: Instead of the annual resting electrocardiogram now required for all pilots older than 40, the committee recommends use of a risk-factor profile to identify those who may need more extensive testing for cardiovascular disease.

It's evident, Mr. D., that all sorts of precautionary measures are being taken so that you will have confidence in your pilot — gray-haired or not.

MEDICALETTERS (Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. V.: Like many others who don't understand epilepsy, I think you will be interested in the following observations. Only 6 percent of people who have epilepsy are retarded. Epilepsy is not one condition but many.

Anyone, at any time, can become afflicted with epilepsy. Epilepsy is not a disease — it's a symptom of a brain disorder. You may be surprised to know that auto accidents are a major cause of epilepsy.

Epilepsy has been called the "hidden disorder." Effective treatment is readily available for those who do not hide their affliction. Most people who have seizures can bring them under control with medication and lead normal lives.

For Mrs. Q.: Does your husband's doctor know that he has become confused lately? Some Parkinson patients act that way after taking L-dopa medication. As he has also been taking barbiturates, this may complicate matters. Stopping or changing the drugs may clear the confusion.

Saturday, March 13: Surgical or medical treatment of stones.

Another Look

Pre-marital financial quiz

As economic predictions begin to sound like the weather forecasts of January, it will be increasingly important for couples contemplating marriage to know whether they are financially compatible. People in love can't discuss money intelligently, so I've prepared a multiple-choice questionnaire to help out. (Many of the questions involve ethical decisions, since these generate the most heat in marital disputes).

Take the quiz separately. Then check the results. If you and your intended agree on all the answers, you have nothing to worry about except arguments over sex, politics, religion, pets, in-laws, gun control, and films.

If you disagree on fewer than three, you should have less than one financial feud a season. If you disagree on three or more, then you'd better think the whole thing over.

1. Which of the following measures would you take to reduce the financial squeeze felt by nearly all young couples?

(a) Suggest that your spouse moonlight by becoming a waitress or taking in laundry. (b) Cut out school lunches for the children.

(c) Reduce food costs by hoarding free government cheese or pretending that you have a goat in order to get scraps from your local grocer.

(d) Apply for more credit cards.

2. You've just won \$25,000 in the state lottery. Would you:

(a) Put it in a savings account? (b) Take a trip to Europe? (c) Give it all to "Save the Whales"? (d) Buy a mink coat for your mommy? (e) Spend it on lottery tickets, hoping to hit the jackpot?

3. The boss is coming to dinner and you remember at the last minute that you are out of coffee, which he strongly prefers. You are also out of cash. Would you:

(a) Tell your boss the truth and borrow the money from him? (b) Try to borrow a can from the grocery store?

(c) Break into your children's piggy bank?

4. Your bank account is very low and you can't borrow any more money. In what order would you pay the following people who have sent bills?

(a) Doctor. (b) Veterinarian. (c) Bookie. (d) Baker. (e) Candlestick maker.

5. You are out on the town for the evening and a beggar approaches you for half a dollar for a cup of coffee. You:

(a) Give it to him. (b) Tell him to get lost. (c) Give him \$5.00 and suggest that he buy a dinner. (d) Tell him to write his congressman. (e) Give him a nickel and a lecture on supply-side economics.

6. You are going through your joint account checkbook in the course of preparing your tax return. You list as a medical deduction a \$250 check made out to Dr. Walter Donnelly. Later you learn from your spouse that the \$250 was payment for an outboard motor. Do you:

(a) Write the Internal Revenue Service to say that you goofed? (b) Leave things the way they are, figuring that other people do that kind of thing deliberately?

7. Which of the following magazine subscription offers would you choose?

(a) One year at \$35.00? (b) Two years at \$60.00? (c) Three years at \$80.00? (d) Ten years at \$150.00? (e) Fifty years at \$400.00?

8. Because of an emergency, you need \$3,000 immediately. Would you:

(a) Borrow from the bank at 17 percent? (b) Borrow from your brother-in-law 10 percent? (c) "Borrow" it from your company no interest?

Sunday, March 14: What I know about children

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An international symposium "Applications and Technology of Ionizing Radiations" will be held March 12-17, 1982 at King Saud University (the University of Riyadh Formerly) Malaz Campus in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Sponsored by the College of Science of King Saud University, this Symposium is in collaboration with the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre.

The Symposium will review current research and developments on the applications and technology of ionizing radiations. There will be two sessions on each meeting day.

Lectures will be delivered in each session by scientists prominent in the field of ionizing radiation. In addition, contributed papers will be presented in each session covering the following topics: radiation protection; radiation chemistry; radioisotope production; gamma irradiation; dosimetry; and medical, industrial and agricultural applications of ionizing radiation.

In addition to the technical sessions, the Symposium will include a scientific and commercial exhibit. A refresher course in basic radiation protection will also be included. A tour of places of special interest in the local area is also planned.

All interested in the program are invited to attend. To obtain further details or Symposium Packet, contact the Co-Chairman of the Symposium, Raymond C. Barrall, Cancer Therapy Institute, King Faisal Specialist Hospital, P.O. Box 3354, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Tel: 4647272 Ext 1718/2900 OR: 4781345 OR 476746, Ext: 291 / 238.

Weinberger cites senators' move

Allies warned of U.S. troop cuts

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AFP) — Unless Atlantic Alliance nations make a greater defense effort Congress could vote to reduce the number of U.S. troops in Europe, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Monday.

Speaking to the National Press Club here, Weinberger said: "If the exception grows that our allies are not doing enough (for defense), isolationism, which unfortunately is always close to the surface, will take over and we will have another Mansfield amendment. It would be catastrophic."

Former Democratic Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield vainly tried twice in 1974 to pass a measure that would have reduced the number of American troops in

Europe. Noting that some senators were now favorable to such a move, Weinberger said: "We would not gain anything from a troop withdrawal. We would suffer additional risks."

The defense secretary's allusion to the threat of European troop reduction was not new. He warned Congress last week against such a move, saying the United States could not exist if Europe were invaded by the Soviet Union.

Republican Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, one of several Congressmen favoring a partial troop withdrawal, has said it is time "to re-examine our commitment to Western Europe." These Congressmen are generally opposed to the U.S. paying for Europe's

defense while its allies participate in the new Soviet natural gas pipeline to Siberia. There are currently 337,000 U.S. troops stationed in Europe, of which nearly 250,000 are in West Germany.

Concerning El Salvador, the defense secretary said: "A Communist takeover in El Salvador would be extremely dangerous" to U.S. security. Although he did not say how the United States would react if this happened, he indicated the United States would have to make "major changes" in its deployment of troops worldwide.

"From a military point of view, we have to consider the enormous disadvantage to the United States from a Communist takeover in El Salvador," Weinberger said.

Zhao calls for purge of leftist bureaucrats

PEKING, March 9 (Agencies) — Premier Zhao Ziyang has called for a purge of remaining leftists in the Chinese bureaucracy and a ban on recruitment of extremists. Zhao, in a speech published Tuesday in the official press, said that as part of the drive to trim the bureaucracy followers of the extreme leftist "gang of four" led by Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing would be removed.

"People who built their careers as 'rebels' under (disgraced defense minister) Lin Biao and Jiang Qing and who are heavily influenced by factional ideology as well as smash-and-grabbers... should definitely not be promoted, not a single one of them, and those who are already in leading posts must be resolutely ousted," Zhao said. The premier and Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, are heading a campaign to cut China's sprawling bureaucracy which numbers over 20 million.

The standing committee of the National People's Congress (China's parliament), Monday announced plans to cut the number of vice premiers from 13 to two and the merging of several ministries and commissions. Zhao, in his speech to the standing committee last Tuesday, said there was an urgent need to promote younger officials as well as women and members of ethnic minorities.

Two of the four new ministers announced

by the standing committee Monday were women. The new ministers are aged between 51 and 61, and are at least 10 years younger than most other ministers. Zhao, parts of whose speech were published last week, also said the number of ministries and commissions would be cut from 98 to 52.

The administrative reshuffle, decided early this year, is to be conducted in two stages. The first, involving the government and central state agencies, is to effect a one-third reduction in personnel, while the second, beginning next year, will concern China's provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions.

China mishap kills 284

PEKING, March 9 (AP) — A mountain collapsed because of unsafe mining practices last June, burying a town and killing 284 persons in one of China's biggest mining disasters, the *Law News* has reported.

The March 5 edition of the weekly, seen here Tuesday said the mining town of Yao Chi River in central Hubei province was buried by one million cubic meters (35 million cubic feet) of rock last June 3 when the mountain above the town collapsed. The mountain was being mined for salt and phosphorus and was honeycombed with tunnels. Cracks had started to appear on the mountainside before the collapse, the report said.

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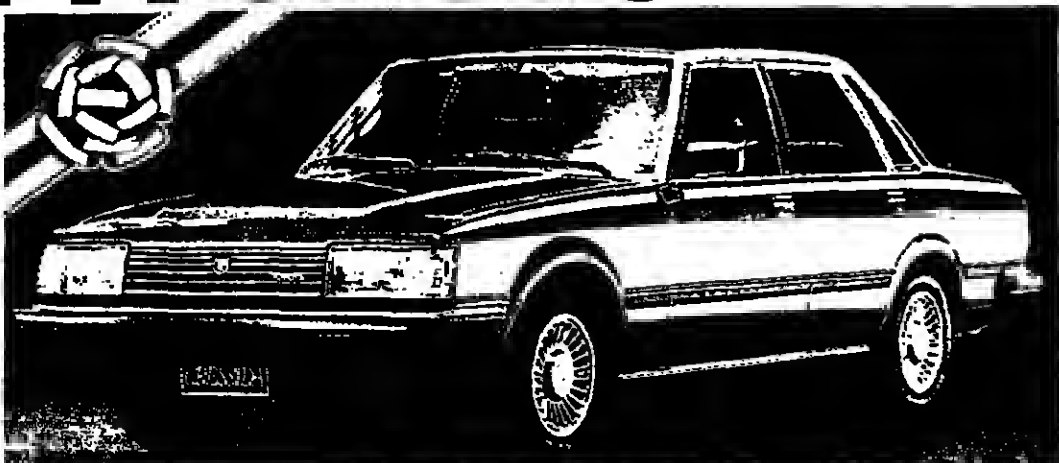
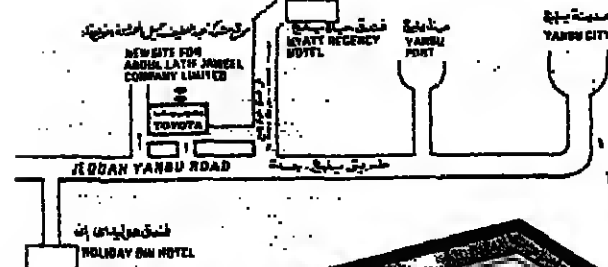
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Asian children
sold into slavery,
says U.N. study

BANGKOK, March 9 (AFP) — Thousands of Asian children are sold into virtual slavery each year, forcing them to do menial jobs and live in intolerable conditions, according to a United Nations survey released here.

"A conspicuous problem is the unscrupulous abuse of child labor, widely practiced in the poorer countries of South and Southeast Asia, as well as in other large areas of the developing world," said the 1981 report published here Sunday by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

"Many thousands of children, some as young as six years, are virtually sold into annual or lifetime work in farms, homes, and factories," it said. The ESCAP report said children were often forced to live "under intolerable conditions regarding diet, accommodation, work and pay."

"Those consigned to factories may be kept in unhygienic work places, made to handle dangerous machinery, chemicals or polluted materials, to work long hours with very few holidays, to sleep on factory floors, or to eat unwholesome and scanty food," it added.

BRIEFS

LONDON (AFP) — The House of Commons voted Monday night to patriate to Canada the British North America Act of 1867, the document which serves as Canada's constitution. Approval on third and final reading was by a vote of 177 to 33. The bill now goes to the House of Lords, where some peers oppose patriation on grounds that the transfer could harm Canada's Indian population.

SEATTLE (AP) — Two Greenpeace members, who chained and handcuffed themselves to chairs in the Canadian Consulate to protest seal hunting by Canada and Norway, were cut free by police late Monday afternoon and arrested. Vivian Boe, 28, and Sara Cooney, 26, both of Seattle, were cited for misdemeanor criminal trespass after police ended their day-long demonstration against the killing of harp and hooded seals, said a police spokesman.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Two children died after they touched combustible scrap outside the Atomic Energy Department's nuclear fuel complex in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad, officials reported. Complex authorities Monday ordered an inquiry into the deaths after Hyderabad police registered a case of criminal negligence against them.

LONDON (R) — Authors whose books are borrowed from public libraries will be paid up to 5,000 sterling (\$9,000) a year under British government proposals announced Monday. Payments will depend on the popularity of the writer's works. A

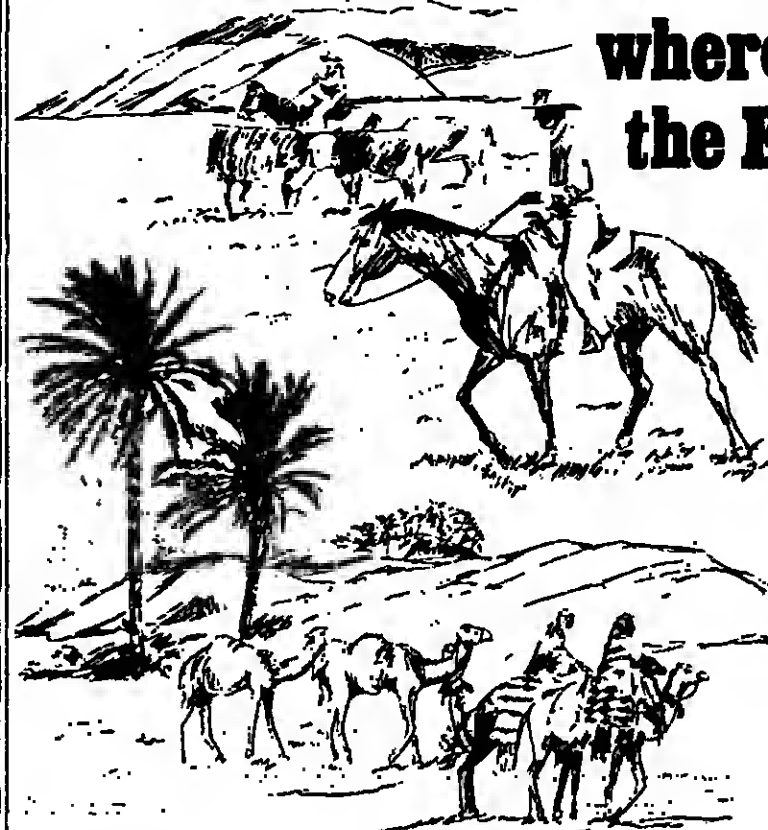
computer will keep track of loans from a sample of the country's 6,000 public libraries. BANGKOK (AFP) — An anti-government Laotian commando blew up an ammunition depot in southern Laos Sunday night, it was reported here Tuesday. The depot, situated some 12 kms from the border city of Savannakhet, was along the Mekong River and facing Thailand.

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Greek President Constantine Karamanlis received a hearty welcome in Canberra Tuesday from Australian leaders and members of the local Greek community. Karamanlis was welcomed at Canberra airport by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Nearly 1,500 persons were arrested as "anti-social elements" Monday in India's Communist-ruled West Bengal state, the United News of India reported. The arrests were to "maintain peace" during Holi, India's festival of colors next Wednesday, the news agency quoted local officials as saying.

PRAGUE (AFP) — Works by more than 200 Czechoslovak writers are banned from publication in Czechoslovakia, according to a charter 77 report that reached here Tuesday.

LEEDS, England (AP) — A couple who shook their three-week-old twins to death in a family quarrel have been jailed for the manslaughter of the children by Leeds Crown Court. Thomas Pearce, 22, was imprisoned Monday for three years and his wife, Christine, 24, for 18 months.

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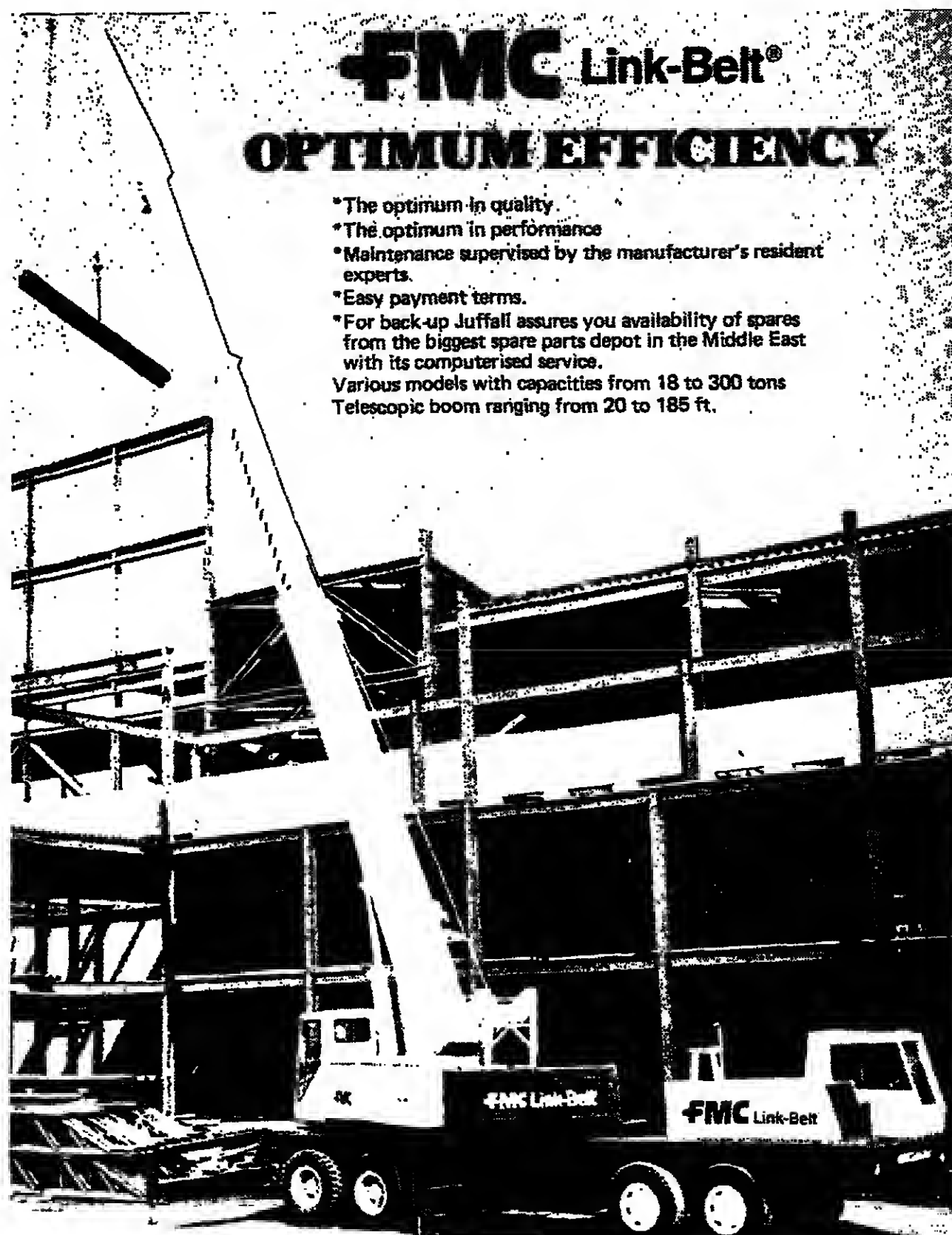
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Defense spending up

Papandreou unfolds \$15b budget for '82

ATHENS, March 9 (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreou, introducing Greece's first Socialist budget Monday, said increased spending on defense, education and social welfare took top priority.

In a television broadcast to the nation, Papandreou said the deficit budget for 1982 marked a "transition" period paving the way for a new five-year economic plan in 1983 that would "expand the horizons of our country's development." "We have given precedence to welfare and pensions, education,

U.S. sales of tin irk producers

KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (AP) — Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia were to lodge a protest with the United States later Tuesday against the sales of tin out of the U.S. General Services Administration's stockpile, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

He said the protest, in the form of a memorandum, was to be handed over by Yusuf Hitam, director of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) secretariat here, to U.S. government representatives to a U.S.-ASEAN meeting opening in Washington Tuesday. The memorandum points out that the U.S. sales of tin have lowered tin prices and thus caused hardship to the three tin producers, he said.

defense and decentralization," the premier said.

The budget calls for record spending totaling 923.21 billion drachmas (\$15.38 billion) and foresees a deficit of 237.95 billion drachmas (\$3.96 billion).

Papandreou said his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK), swept into power in last October's general election, inherited a 350-billion-drachma (\$5.83 billion) budget deficit and an economy "verging on bankruptcy" as a result of haphazard policies by the previous conservative government.

But the economic tempest predicted after the takeover has not occurred and there are encouraging signs that we shall get through 1982 with less difficulty," he said.

Last year inflation in Greece topped 20 percent for the third straight year and a negative growth rate was recorded for the first time in two decades.

This year's budget, presented to parliament by Finance Minister Manolis Drettakis, seeks to reduce inflation, promote social equality and lay the groundwork for economic recovery in 1983, according to the government.

Around half the 35 percent planned increase in spending over 1981 is earmarked for salary and pension hikes, Drettakis said. Defense expenditure, which will total 123.2 billion drachmas (\$2.05 billion), a 21 percent increase over last year, accounts for 13.34 percent of the budget.

Asia leads in illegal drug output

BANGKOK, March 9 (AP) — Illegal trade in opium and heroin may represent about one percent of all recorded exports from the developing countries of Asia, a U.N. report says.

The report, made available here Tuesday, notes that the largest illegal production of the narcotics occurs in Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Burma, Thailand and Laos and that the trade in recent years from these countries may have amounted yearly to some \$1.6 billion on an "F.O.B." basis.

The statistics were included in the 1981 economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, a report which will be discussed at the annual session of the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to be held in Bangkok March 23-April 3.

The ESCAP report said that India once accounted for 95 percent of the world's legal production of opium, but that competition from other countries has reduced its share to 50 percent.

The report said that in the late 1960s about 70 percent of the world's illicit heroin came from the so-called "golden triangle" of Burma, Thailand and Laos.

But aggressive suppression measures and poor harvests allowed the "golden crescent" of Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan to take over as the prime heroin source, with 1979 production of opium — from which heroin is refined — estimated at 15,000 tons, or about half that of the golden triangle.

U.S., ASEAN open parley on economic ties

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AFP) — Economic and foreign policy officials representing the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) began a three-day meeting in Washington Tuesday with cabinet members and business leaders.

The talks, the fourth of a series of regular consultations, are aimed, according to the U.S. Commerce Department, "at expanding economic relations — including trade, investment, energy and developmental cooperation — between the U.S. and the ASEAN countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand."

Commenting on those talks, "Business America," the Commerce Department magazine, underlined Monday that the "ASEAN is the fastest economically growing region in the world."

ASEAN, it went on, offers many attractive opportunities to the U.S. exporters, investors

Output of rubber falls in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (AP) — Peninsular Malaysia, the world's biggest producer and exporter of natural rubber, produced 1.48 million tons of rubber in 1981, down from 1.49 million tons in 1980, the Statistics Department said Tuesday.

Exports fell from 1.46 million tons in 1980 to 1.43 million tons in 1981. The United States was the biggest direct buyer of Malaysian rubber taking 148,50 tons in 1981 against 112,83 tons in 1980, followed by West Germany which bought \$6,884 tons in 1981 compared to \$3,802 tons in 1980.

Focus on investment

and service businesses. Stimulated by high real growth rates ranging from 5 percent in the Philippines to nearly 10 percent in Singapore in 1981, U.S. exports to that region in 1980 totaled \$8.8 billion, making ASEAN the fifth-largest trading partner of the U.S. The U.S. market share ranged from 13 percent in Indonesia to more than 20 percent in the Philippines, with Japan our main competitor.

"The common thread among the five ASEAN nations, the magazine stressed, is their dedication to development through free enterprise. It creates a business atmosphere favorable to business growth."

"The widening range of opportunity for U.S. companies in the ASEAN markets," Business America went on, results from the combination of ASEAN's high growth rates with vigorous economic development programs. These nations' hallmark is rapid diver-

sification from agriculture into light and heavy industry with top priority for high technology projects... constantly rising per capita income, averaging in 1981 from a low \$507 in Indonesia to a high of approximately \$5,000 in Singapore, offers a rapidly expanding market. Today, the market of over 250 million people is larger in population than the U.S. and Canadian markets combined."

"By 1990, ASEAN's gross national product will have doubled if the present fast growth rate continues its average of 7 percent annually for the last decade. The region would then merge as a new center of economic power. Not only is the region expanding more rapidly than other developing areas, but it is expanding twice as fast as the industrialized countries." The preceding high level economic consultations between the U.S. and ASEAN countries took place last November in Kuala Lumpur.

China rules out trade policy change

PEKING, March 9 (R) — China's new foreign trade chief, Chen Muhua, assured Peking's trading partners Tuesday at the major government reshuffle announced Monday did not mean a change in trade commitments or policies.

"Agreements already signed between China and the governments of other countries will remain valid and current negotiations will continue," Mrs. Chen said in an interview with the New China News Agency.

Mrs. Chen, 61, heads a newly-established ministry of foreign economic relations and trade, an umbrella body merging four separate departments. She was quoted as saying

the move was aimed at enabling China to expand foreign trade, which according to Japanese sources jumped last year by 12.6 percent to a record \$42.3 billion.

The new ministry, she said, would also promote cooperation with the Third World, make active use of foreign capital and import advanced technology where appropriate. The new ministry's staff is only one-third the number of the four previous departments.

Foreign businessmen hope the streamlining of the foreign trade organizations will eliminate some of the tortuous bureaucracy that often accompanies trading with China.

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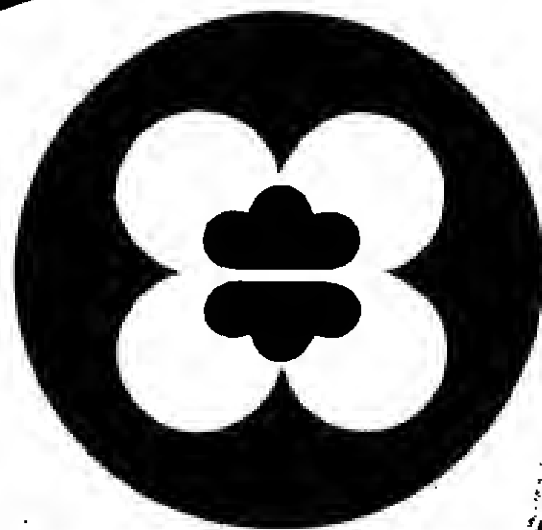
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To impose curbs on Russia

U.S. to woo EEC on Polish issue

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — A high-powered United States mission will shortly undertake a tour of European capitals in a bid to persuade the European countries to step up and coordinate economic pressure on the Soviet Union over Poland.

A delegation headed by Under Secretary of State James Buckley, and including top officials of the defense, treasury and commerce departments, will visit Bonn, London, Paris, Rome and Brussels beginning March 13.

Although officials here maintained complete silence about the mission's exact aims, observers said it would undoubtedly be

mainly concerned with future Western Credits to the USSR.

The State Department said that Buckley had been instructed by President Reagan to raise a number of questions relating to East-West economic relations.

After lengthy discussions the American administration has apparently given up all hope of inducing the West Europeans to abandon a projected major gas pipeline deal with the Soviet Union.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig said last week that continuing American pressure to thwart the Siberian pipeline deal might transform failure in the Communist system into a crisis in the Atlantic alliance. "Continuous pressure, particularly in the field of credits, offer the best prospects for the future of freedom in Poland," he said.

The Pentagon, Republican right-wing hardliners and some sections of the press

have called for a much tougher line than that taken by the secretary of state. They have demanded a ban on the use of American technology in the construction of the pipeline.

President Reagan will not take any decision on new economic sanctions against the Soviet Union until receiving a report from the Buckley mission, informed sources said.

American officials have stressed the need for close consultation between the United States and its West European allies on the sanctions issue. Washington is hoping to limit the financial and technological benefits derived by the USSR from its relations with the European Economic Community (EEC).

A state Department specialist said: "We do not want to rush into new sanctions without having solid indications that they would support any further American steps."

Kuwait investments fetch \$6b

KUWAIT, March 9 (AP) — The investment returns of this state almost doubled in the fiscal year ending June, 1981, reaching \$6.1 billion. But its oil exports fell in value by 25.4 percent in the same period, according to statistics published Tuesday by the quarterly report of the Central Bank of Kuwait.

The returns from surplus petrodollars, mainly invested in foreign and Arab countries, jumped from \$3.1 billion in 1979-80. This was a bumper result in the country's endeavors to shift the focus from oil to foreign investments, as the key source of revenue, in preparation for the post-oil era, economic analysts said.

The figures revealed that the country's income from foreign investments formed 27 percent of the total public revenue and equal-

led 3.3 percent of oil revenues.

"This fast-growing return from investments also reflects the sophisticated investment administration skills attained by Kuwaiti portfolio managers," the analysts said.

The report, however, said that Kuwait's income from oil exports fell by 25.4 percent in the same year, from \$20.8 billion to \$15.5 billion dollars. The sharp jump in investment returns helped to make up for the oil drop, thus maintaining the rate of decline in the total public revenue at eight percent below their level in the previous fiscal year, the bank said.

The central bank's figures indicated that the country's surplus income fell by 21 percent, from \$16.7 billion to \$13.2 billion. It attributed the fall partly to a 20 percent increase in public spending, which the bank fixed at \$9.2 billion.

It did not give any figures on Kuwait's surpluses invested outside the country. But statistics released by the bank earlier indicate that the country accumulated about \$62.7 billion in surplus petrodollars since the quadrupling of oil prices in 1974.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.08	9.08	
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	282.00	
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.85	144.70	
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.75	132.55	
Egyptian Pound	3.44	3.85	
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20	
French Franc (100)	56.75	56.55	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	56.10	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.90	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Sheqel	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.00	26.90	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.55	
Jordanian Dinar	9.93	9.57	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.07	12.03	
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.50	71.30	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.75	60.50	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	31.45	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.50	
Pound Sterling	6.24	6.21	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	162.10	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	35.05	
Swiss Franc (100)	184.25	183.90	
Syrian Lira (100)	38.00	63.50	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422	
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90	

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6429932, Jeddah.

Nigeria says price, output maintained

LAGOS, March 9 (R) — Nigerian oil production is still averaging nearly 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) and the country is holding its customers without discounting prices, an official of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) said Tuesday.

Discounting was not a solution to the problem of the world oil glut and was not being used as a means to maintain Nigeria's sales, Alex Nwokdi, information officer for (NNPC), told reporters.

There has been speculation in world oil markets that Nigeria will soon be forced to lower its price from the present \$36.50 a barrel. Britain, which markets a similar-quality crude, last week cut its price from \$35 to \$31.

Nwokdi said the latest Nigerian production figures showed a drop from an average of 1,652,622 bpd on January 21 to 1,499,295 Tuesday. He attributed the decrease mainly to damage to a pipeline in late January and the loss of production while it was being repaired.

U.N. chief hopeful of sea law accord

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar asked law-of-the-sea conference delegates here Monday to show once and for all that negotiation within the United Nations framework could solve problems affecting the entire international community.

Perez de Cuellar spoke at the conference re-opened for its 11th session in eight years, with the major target being a treaty to regulate exploitation of the valuable and strategic metals lying on the floor of the world's oceans.

The secretary-general expressed hope that the assembled delegates would reach an agreement which would be the keystone in member states' efforts to forge a better world.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AP) — The British wool textile industry has submitted an "action program" to the government including state aid for the sector. This program is needed if the industry is to survive, the British Wool Textile Federation says. Six basic proposals submitted by a federation delegation to Kenneth Baker, minister of state for industry, cover, a cut in interest rates, a reduction in energy costs, local taxes and other public sector charges.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U.S. gold commission wrapped up all but the final details of its recommendations to Congress on Monday, sticking with earlier decisions rejecting a national gold standard for the United States but favoring the minting of a new gold coin.

LILONGWE, (AFP) — Malawi and Zambia are to have a direct microwave communications link within 18 months under a one million kwacha (about \$1.1 million) loan agreement signed in Lilongwe Tuesday between Malawi and Nippon Electric Company (NEC) of Japan.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Ford Motor Company announced program to develop a vehicle engine made of plastic. It would be lightweight and tough while oil consumption would be reduced as compared with metal engines. The new engine will be tried out on racing cars, so that financial risks will be minimal, Ford said. The company sees "enormous" potential business from a plastic engine.

Financial Roundup

Dollar gains lost ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 9 — Despite cuts of 1/2 percent in U.S. prime commercial bank rates in New York on Monday night, the American currency traded strongly in contract with its weak opening performance in Europe Monday. The prime rate cuts take the prime lending rates to 16 percent levels in line with recent Eurodollar deposit falls, but the New York Monday night markets seemed to have had a change of sentiment over the dollar for it virtually recovered all lost ground against the other major currencies. Eurodollar deposit rates even rebounded back to trade at between 1/2 and 3/4 percent higher in Europe Tuesday.

In the bullion markets, gold's decline continued unabated with a new low level of \$324 per ounce reached in mid-afternoon London trading. Despite a last minute rally in gold prices in New York on Monday night — that took prices to \$328 — the European Tuesday markets were once again the scene for some heavy selling. The markets are already talking of a \$320 base level this week, but gold could still catch people by surprise again.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates were firmer compared with Monday levels with rises of between 1/4 and 1/2 percent recorded in most tenors.

The key to the upturn in dollar interest rates seemed to have been a willingness of the Federal Reserve Board to continue allowing its "Fed fund" lending rates to remain firm and actively intervening in the

markets when the "Fed" rate fell below 1/2 percent levels. The other factor arguing for the dollar was the continued pressure on various European currencies to cut back on their base lending rates, especially the German and British interest rates. As such, the one-month Eurodollar rate was quoted at 14 1/4-14 3/4 percent — up from opening levels of 14 3/16-14 5/16 percent, while the one-year was quoted at 14 7/16 percent.

In the exchanges, the French franc swung volatily to trade at 6.0500 levels after trading at 5.9820 on Monday. Similar falls were recorded by the other currencies with the mark falling to 2.3290 from 2.3290, the Swiss franc at 1.8570 (from 1.8360), the yen at 236.40 (from 233.10), while the British pound at 1.8110 (from 1.8340).

In the local markets, rial deposit levels picked up in most tenors with the one-month JIBOR rate trading at 12 1/4-12 3/4 percent. While the week-fixed went up from 10-11 percent Monday to trade at 11-12 percent Tuesday. In the long periods the one-year deposit was also stronger at 12 3/4-13 1/4 percent. In the exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates picked up sharply to trade at 3.4208-16 levels compared with Monday's 3.4202-10 levels.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 325.75
Paris 324.82
Frankfurt 327.02
Zurich 327.50
Hong Kong 326.64

Arab oil sector needs put at \$394b

DOHA, March 9 (AP) — The Arab world requires \$394 billion in total accumulative investments in the petroleum sector from now until the year 2,000, the Arab energy future conference was told Tuesday.

Abdul-Aziz Merghini of the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation told the conference, grouping some 400 Arab and international energy experts, that this much investment was needed if the Arab area is to maintain an average crude production of 22 million barrels daily and enhance its energy reserves at the same time.

He argued that investments, no matter what their range, would not produce the desired result if not accompanied by such steps as establishment of an energy development corporation to conduct area-wide surveys and engage in exploration activities in Arab countries.

He also suggested the development of an inter-Arab market for petroleum products and conclusion of refinery product supply arrangements, with emphasis on building export-oriented refineries.

In another paper on pollution problems in the Gulf area, two Kuwaiti experts called for mounting a major effort to insure a balance between development and ecology in the

region.

They told the conference's oil industries committee that Gulf pollution was becoming a matter of increasing concern and said a regional body must be formed with authority to supervise and monitor pollution control.

London stock market

LONDON, March 9 (R) — The market closed easier though government bonds moved above the lows after the U.K. banking figures, dealers said. At 1500 hours the Financial Times index was down 8.3 at 555.8.

Government bonds were marked up around 1/2 point after the Bank of England's estimate sterling M3 money supply was cut, changed in the month to mid February. However, few operators were prepared to buy stock just before the start of the budget speech and prices ended as much as 1/2 point down.

Falls among the leading equities stretched to 1 1/2 p as in Gec. De Beers fell 97 cents to 43.5 after halving its final dividend following lower 1981 results.

Gold shares continued weak with falls of 2 in selected heavy weights such as AngloGold and Vaal Reef.

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"	Renovation of the Ministry basement in Makkah (Saudi contractors only)	19/1401/1402	—	28.2.82
Labor and Social Ministry	Building a warehouse at Qatif Social Service Center	—	300	27.2.82

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6.	Energetic	Sir	Bagged Barley	7.3.82
7.	Lanka Kalyani	Alasab	Bagged Barley	8.3.82
8.	Philippine Jasmina	Bamaodah	Barley	2.3.82
10.	Island Mariner	Bamaodah	Barley/Wheat	21.2.82
11.	Penny S	El Hawi	Sugar Gen. Mobile	8.3.82
12.	Anangel Dilligence	Baghdadi	Bagged Barley	8.3.82
13.	Khaled	Bamaodah	Barley/Contrs.	6.3.82
14.	Strathairn	A.E.T.	Contrs Gen.	7.3.82
18.	Kil Maru	Alreza	Containers	8.3.82
18.	Achillaus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	28.2.82
19.	Le Cordillera	Alasab	Bulk Cement	8.3.82
20.	Admiral Zmajevic	Aljosab	Barley	4.3.82
21.	An Hsing	O.C.E.	Phyl/Tyres/Gen. Cars	6.3.82
22.	Peg	Atar	West Rice/Fish Gen.	8.3.82
23.	Toyota	El Hawi	Tiles/Timber	8.3.82
26.	Bowon	O.C.E.	General	6.3.82
27.	Aracros Glory	Gulf	Barley	3.3.82
28.	Al Hijazi	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	7.3.82
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3.	El General	Alasab	General	8.3.82
4.	Timmar Venture	U.E.P.	General	8.3.82
5.	Nedlloyd Barcelona	Kanoo	General	8.3.82
8.	Schwarian	Kanoo	Gen. Contrs.	7.3.82
11.	Sea Transport	Orri	Gen. Contrs.	4.3.82
13.	Ulyssus	Kanoo	Steel	8.3.82
16.	Al Muharraq	Gosabi	General	8.3.82
17.	Luke Lu	Sea	Gen. Contrs.	7.3.82
19.	Meenodaro	Sea	General/Rice	5.3.82
22.	Kheripou	Kanoo	Containers	8.3.82
25.	California	Kanoo	Containers	8.3.82
26.	Strathoonon	Gosabi	Ro-Ro Contrs.	1.3.82
27.	Costa Ligure	Sea	Bagged Barley	8.3.82
28.	Al Assiri	Orri	Bulk Iron Ore	8.3.82
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Seeded Solomon falls at the first hurdle

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 9 (AP) — Fritz Buehning of the United States scored an upset victory Monday defeating Harold Solomon, another American, in three sets on the opening day of the \$250,000 Belgian Indoor Tennis Championship.

Relying on a strong backhand and serve, Buehning defeated seventh-seeded Solomon 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 in an exciting match at the Forest-National Complex in suburban Brussels.

Qualifying games ended earlier in the day for the Belgian tournament in which 31 players participate, 18 of them Americans, including Jimmy Connors who won the championship last year. Three Americans, a Frenchman and a Belgian were eliminated in Monday's opening games. The Championship ends next Sunday.

To other action Monday, Shlomo Glickstein (Israel) beat Mike Gandolfo (USA) 2-6, 7-6, 6-3. Helmut Theis (West Germany) beat Nick Saviano (USA) 7-5, 6-4. Boh Lutz (USA) beat Roger Vasselin (France) 7-5, 6-1, and Tim Mayotte (USA) beat Thierry Stevaux (Belgium) 6-3, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Tom Gullikson, the left-handed of the Gullikson twins, was one of three Americans to win their first round matches in the \$300,000 World Championship Tennis tournament Monday in Munich. Gullikson's more fluent, all-round game was too good for the heavy-serving Steve

Denton, the big, friendly Texan who reached the Australian Open final last December. He won 7-5, 6-3 to reach the last 16. Tray Wiatke beat Bill Scanlon 6-3, 6-1, while Peter Reonert defeated Robert Van't Hof 7-5, 6-1 in other all-American matches.

John Austin, brother of Tracy, won only three games as he went down 2-6, 1-6 to West German Peter Elter, while Wojtek Fibak of Poland beat Jose-Luis Damiani of Uruguay 6-2, 6-4. The top seeded players, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, play their first round matches Tuesday.

Houston high-school senior Zina Garrison, the U.S. Open juniors champion, upset top-ranked Canadian player Marjorie Blackwood 6-4, 6-3 Monday to highlight first-round play in the Avco Championships of Dallas Women's Tennis Tournament.

Garrison displayed a wide variety of shots and an excellent selection to outlast Blackwood in a late match.

Kathy Rinaldi, the youngest contestant on the winter tour, defeated Bonnie Gadusek 6-4, 6-4 in another first-round match. Two games went the full distance with Peanut Louie and Stacy Margolin emerging victorious in their respective matches. Louie bested Brazilian Pat Medrado 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, while Margolin defeated Leigh Anne Thompson 7-6, 2-6, 6-2.

Pakistan strengthens position

KARACHI, March 9 (AFP) — Pakistan has put itself in a position of strength in the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka here Tuesday, with its captain Javed Miandad leading three batsmen past the half century mark.

Pakistan, resuming at 16 for one in its second innings after a day's rest, boosted its 52-run first innings lead by another 268 and lost only two wickets Tuesday to the one lost Sunday. The young Pakistani side had nothing to fear from the pitch, which continued to play easy, as Sri Lanka, playing only its second Test, toiled ceaselessly.

The run-riot was started by overnight batsman Iqbal Qasim. Qasim, one of the two cricketers who had broken away from the two who protested against Miandad's captaincy, came Sunday to the crease as a nightwatchman. After the fifty of the Pakistan innings

was hoisted by Mansoor Akhtar and Qasim, Akhtar fell to Somachandra de Silva.

Qasim carried on undeterred with new bat Saleem Malik. But once he crossed his fifty, and in the process had pushed Pakistan score past the three-figure mark, he fell to Somachandra de Silva.

The exit of Qasim saw the advent of captain Miandad. The arrival also heralded the quickening of the rate with Miandad spraying strokes all round the wickets. Sri Lanka captain Bandula Waranapirya kept a defensive field but could not check the ebullient Miandad. Saleem Malik, who till then was subdued, emulated Miandad and the score proceeded briskly.

To add to Sri Lanka's woes, its attack was depleted with the departure of medium pacer Ratnayake, coming on for his second spell of the day, with a twisted ankle from the field.



Fritz Buehning...scores an upset

Cavaliers sack coach Chuck Daly

RICHFIELD, Ohio, March 9 (AP) — Chuck Daly, coach of the National Basketball Association's Cleveland Cavaliers since last Dec. 6, was fired Monday after leading the team to just nine victories in 40 games, team owner Ted Stepien said.

Daly will be replaced on an interim basis by Bill Musselman, the team's vice president and director of player personnel, Stepien said. Stepien made the announcement at the Coliseum in suburban Richfield after the team's Monday workout. There are 23 games left in the season.

Ciccarelli shines in Minnesota's win

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP) — It was field day for Minnesota North Stars in the National Hockey League Monday night.

Prolific scorer Dino Ciccarelli became the first Minnesota player ever to cross 50 goals as North Stars whipped the St. Louis Blues 8-1 in an awesome display of power and speed.

In the only other action of the NHL, Rob McClanahan scored once and set up a pair of Mikko Leinonen goals 13 seconds apart to pace the New York Rangers to a 6-3 victory over Detroit Red Wings.

The Rangers spurred ahead in the first period and stayed in front thereafter. Both the teams had two goals in the second period, while the Rangers completed the tally in the last period in which the Red Wings went goalless.

BRIEFS

DETROIT, (AP) — A showdown between undisputed world middleweight champion Marvin Hagler and challenger Thomas Hearns is "all set" for May 24 at the Pontiac Silverdome, Hearn manager said. "There are a few minor details left in the contract, but everything has been agreed to," Hearn's manager Emanuel Steward said. Hagler could earn \$3 million and Hearns \$2 million.

LONDON, (AFP) — Scotland's Rugby Union added its seal of approval to last weekend's 16-7 win over France by naming an unchanged side to meet Wales in Cardiff on March 20. Remarkably, Scotland's campaign in the five-nation tourney has involved the use of only 17 players — and the changes made were forced on the selector when David Leslie broke his leg before the Irish match in Dublin.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Nationalist Chinese table tennis players will appear in an international tournament for the first time in 12 years this month, the Japan Table Tennis Association announced Tuesday. Nationalist China (Taiwan), competing under the name of China Taipei, join South Korea, India and Japan in an Open tournament to be held here from March 12-14. The contest is endorsed by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — A 42 player South American rugby squad arrived Tuesday for a seven-match tour of South Africa, including two Tests. The South American "A" and "B" teams are made up of 31 Argentinians, five Uruguayans, four Chileans and two Paraguayans. Team manager Martinez Basante said they would have their first practice later Tuesday.

Forfar gets tough draw in Scottish Cup

GLASGOW, March 9 (Agencies) — Little Forfar Athletic's Scottish Cup dream was given no quarter in the draw for the semifinals of the Scottish Cup here Monday when they were paired with favorites Glasgow Rangers.

It is the first time in its history that the Minnows from the east coast have reached such an advanced stage of the competition, after beating Hearts and Queens Park, the mighty Rangers will prove to be quite another barrier to what would be a remarkable feat of reaching the final.

The other semifinal is a more traditional affair between Premier League giants Aberdeen and Saint Mirre. Aberdeen have the class and were Scottish champions in 1980. But the Love Street Saints have so far this year put up the best challenge to Celtic in the title race.

The Ranger-Forfar match goes on at Hampden Park in Glasgow, while the Aberdeen-St. Mirren tie is booked for Muirton Park. Both games are on April 3.

Meanwhile, Scotland has changed its World Cup finals base to avoid what Scottish Football Association (SFA) secretary Ernie Walker described Monday as a "prices rip-off".

The Scots, who play in Group Six with Brazil, the USSR and New Zealand were originally booked for the Parador Del Golf in

Malaga on the Costa Del Sol. But after hearing that the hotel had raised up its daily prices by as much as 80 pounds a head, they decided to look elsewhere. Now, the Scots will be based in the massive Sotogrande Complex 80 kms away.

Walker said: "We have terminated our negotiations with our original hotel as we were unable to agree on a realistic figure."

The Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Italy are candidates to host the 1990 World Football Cup, the president of the International Football Federation (FIFA) said Tuesday.

Joao Havelange, in Algeria for a 24-hour visit, said FIFA had also received a joint proposal from Belgium and the Netherlands, but that for practical reasons their candidature would be difficult to honor. He said FIFA's choice for 1990 Cup hosts would be made known in 1984.

Meanwhile, Havelange said he had not yet received official word from Colombia, suggested as hosts for the 1986 Cup, with eight months to go before the deadline. No eastern European nation has ever hosted the World Cup. Italy were hosts in 1934.

The death of Carlos Alberto Barbosa of Esporte and minor injuries to several national team players marred the weekend's national championship playoffs in Brazil. Barbosa, 27, who had been refused contracts by several other clubs for a known heart con-

dition, left the field of the Esporte XV de Jau game in Recife and collapsed on the sidelines. He was pronounced dead of a heart attack on arrival at a local hospital. Esporte won 4-0.

The world champion Flamengo of Rio came from behind in the second-half and beat Atletico Mineiro of Belo Horizonte 2-1. But three national team starters — Leandro of Flamengo and Luizinho and Toninho Cerezo of Atletico — were sidelined for injuries.

Midfielder Toninho Cerezo badly twisted his ankle in Brazil's 1-1 tie against Czechoslovakia here last week, and is expected to miss the March 21 game against West Germany.

Atletico started with a goal by Reinaldo, who many expect to be on Tele Santana's final list for the World Cup in Spain. Flamengo's equalizer was scored by national team reserve midfielder Adilio.

Even though Zico failed to score for Flamengo, his occasional teammate Socrates marked the second of Sao Paulo team Corinthians' two goals in its 2-0 victory over Internacional in Porto Alegre.

Sao Paulo club, playing with national team starters Oscar, Waldir Peres, Serginho and Mario Sergio, took over the lead in its national championship group with a 2-1 victory over Poete Preta in Sao Paulo.

Spain gears up for World Cup methodically

MADRID, March 9 (AP) — Spain's history in the World Cup has not been brilliant, but after a good year in international play, it is one of the favorites to make the final of the 1982 World Soccer Cup on its Home soil this summer.

"If by June we have a young, physically fit and technically well prepared team — and we are working hard on this — we are capable of anything, even winning the Cup," said coach Jose Emilio Santamaria.

Spain has played in five World Cups. Its best showings were in 1934 in Italy, where it was eliminated by Italy in the quarterfinals, and in 1950 in Brazil, where it finished fourth, behind Uruguay, Brazil and Sweden. In the three other championships, in Chile (1962), England (1966) and Argentina (1978), Spain was eliminated in the first phase.

Santamaria became national manager in 1980. A Uruguayan-born, Spanish-nationalized citizen, Santamaria, at 53, has a great record as a player himself. He won 46 caps (games played with the national All-star team) with his native country and 16 with Spain. He was a Real Madrid player for nine years — in the club's great days when it won the European Cup five times in a row from 1956 to 1960.

"We have the players and we have the quality to win the world competition," San-

tamaria said. He says the Spanish will have something in their favor that the 23 other participating teams will not have — the advantage of playing at home. "We need the support of our people," Santamaria said. "We want them to show it as strongly as they can."

Pablo Porta, president of the Spanish Soccer Federation, said Spanish fans should be "a wave of fury." "Fury" is the name given to the mascot adopted by the Spanish team — a fighting bull dressed as a player. Fury figures in Santamaria's preparation. "We want the Spanish team to be aggressive," Santamaria said. "That is as fundamental to success in soccer as basic technique."

As the organizing country of the World Cup, Spain automatically qualified for the competition. Last year was good for the Spanish team. It played 14 friendly matches in Europe and Latin America with seven victories, three draws and four defeats, scoring 19 goals and conceding 14.

"We have sought to meet in these friendly matches teams recognized as strong in the two continents," Santamaria said. "We have played strong teams, with selections that are likely to be in the World Cup in Spain, such as Belgium, Austria, England, France and Poland, and we have not lost to any of them."

Spain, however, lost friendly matches to two other World Cup teams, 0-3 to Hungary

and 0-1 to Brazil. Spain beat Scotland 3-0 in Valencia Feb. 24 in the first of three pending warm-up matches before the World Cup.

The two other matches are scheduled for March 24 against Wales in Valencia, and April 28 against Switzerland in Valencia or Bern. At the end of the Spanish league championship, Santamaria plans to give his 22 players a week's rest. "I want them to relax, to rest a little from the season," he said. Then he will take them to a winter hideaway in the Pyrenees mountains to get clean, fresh air for 12 days.

"Afterwards, when we go in May to our training site in Valencia, our work will be intensive, both physically and tactically, for one month." Santamaria declined to give names of his selections for the team. However, it appears he has practically decided the team's rearguard and midfield, and only needs to resolve the forward line.

The goalkeeper and captain will be Luis Miguel Arconada, of the Real Sociedad club, aged 27, with 36 international caps. The defense is expected to include Jose Antonio Camacho (Real Madrid), 26, with 26 caps; Miguel Tendillo (Valencia), 20, 17 caps; Ramon Alexanco (Barcelona), 25, 26 caps; and Rafael Gordillo (Betis), 24, 26 caps. They form what has been considered by sports writers here as an iron quartet, perhaps one of the strongest defense lines.

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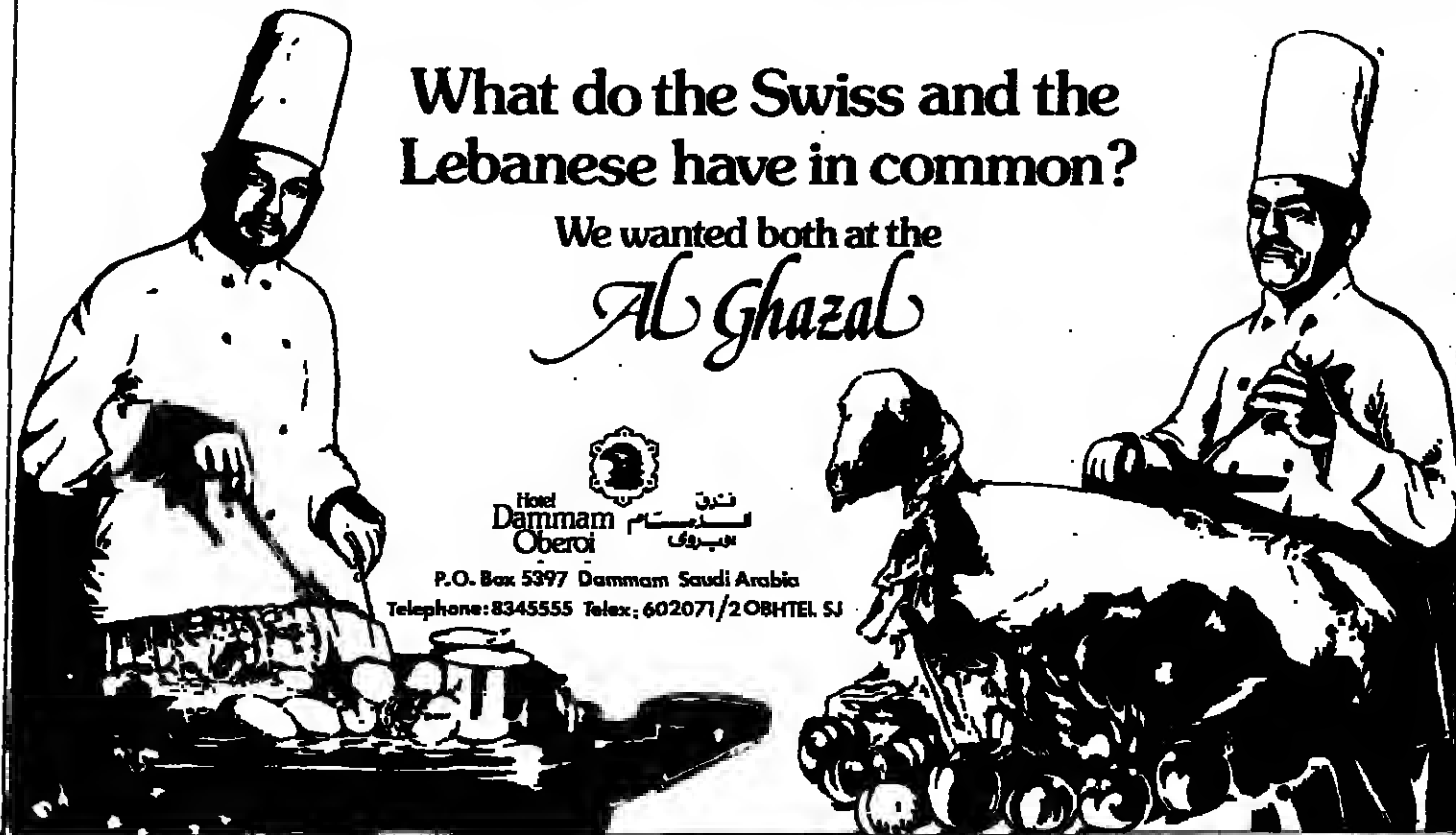
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After thwarting Nicklaus, Watson in playoff

Kite walks away with crown

ORLANDO, Florida, March 9 (Agencies) — Tom Kite, whose remarkable consistency has earned him a fortune but little fame, achieved one of his rare tournament victories by beating Jack Nicklaus and Denis Watson in a sudden-death playoff to win the \$300,000 Buick Hill Golf Classic here Monday.

Kite was the leading money winner in 1981, but the 20-foot birdie putt at the first extra hole, that brought victory came exactly a year ago in the Inverrary Classic. He came back from six shots down with a last round 69 to tie Nicklaus and Watson with six under par totals of 278 for the 7,089-yard course.

Nicklaus put his approach some 24 feet (7.3m) from the flag. Watson was closer, about 12 feet. And Kite was in the fringe, some 20 feet away. Nicklaus, desperately attempting to write an end to his 19-month winless streak, grazed the left side of the cup with his birdie attempt.

Then it was Kite's turn. Using a lofted club,

he deftly chipped it in the cup and went leaping about the green in sheer joy.

The victory was worth \$54,000 from the total purse of 300,000 and lifted Kite's season's earnings to 115,710. Craig Stadler, who had a share of the lead until he bogeyed the 72nd hole from a bunker, and Lanny Wadkins missed the playoff by a single stroke at 279. Wadkins matched par 71 and Stadler had a 70.

Floyd, Pitted for the lead with two holes to go, made a double bogey from the hazard on the 71st hole and dropped back with a closing 76 that left him tied at 280 with Fuy Zoeller. Zoeller had a last-round 67, the best round of the day.

Kite, who trailed six men when the day's play started, matched par over the first 14 holes, while Nicklaus and Floyd flailed away in mounting frustration and, bit by bit, hole by hole, fell back. When Kite birdied the 15th he was still two behind. But when he got it close and birdied the 17th, and had a share of

the lead. He preserved it with a great bunker shot that salvaged a par on the 18th hole and then had to wait, and wait, and wait for Nicklaus, Watson and Floyd, in the final group, to make their way over the final few holes. Floyd started the day one stroke back but, with Nicklaus having a very poor day, once held a two-shot lead. Then he, too, began to back off.

He bogeyed two in a row beginning on the ninth, double-bogeyed the 13th from the water and knocked himself out of it with a second double bogey, this one from an embedded lie in a hazard on the 17th. "I made some mental errors, but that happens when you're not playing well," Floyd said.

For Nicklaus, it was another exercise in what might have been. "One thing just multiplied into another," he said. "I really didn't know where I was going to hit it. I'm not enamored with shooting 74 in the last round last week and 75 in the last round this week."

"It's been five straight frustrating weeks," said Nicklaus, who has been in contention in every start this year—and is still looking for a victory. Still, he pulled it together on the last few holes. He made it from 10 feet for birdie on the 15th and got back into a share of the top with an 8-footer on the 16th. "Goodness gracious," Nicklaus said, "I'm back in the golf tournament." But it lasted only until the playoff hole.

Coe adjudged best athlete

NEW YORK, March 9 (Agencies) — Sebastian Coe of Britain was Monday named the first winner of the Jesse Owens award as the world's outstanding amateur athlete in 1981.

Coe, the Olympic 1,500 meters champion and world record holder for 800 meters, 1,000 meters and the mile, will come to New York to receive the award on March 18, the sponsors said. Coe was an overwhelming choice for the award, receiving 50 first-place votes in a worldwide ballot of sports journalists and sports authorities.

Americans Ed Moses, the world 400 meters hurdles record holder, and sprinter Evelyn Ashford each received six votes but Moses came second with more second-place votes. American swimmer Mary T. Meagher and Soviet gymnast Olga Bicherova each received one first-place vote. The award is named after Jesse Owens, winner of four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympic who died two years ago.

Meanwhile, in high jump giants Dietmar Moegenburg, Janusz Trzepizur and Roland Dalhäuser, whose three-way battle highlighted the recently concluded European Indoor Championships, will clash again at the Golden Gala Athletics meeting here Wednesday.

As TCCB defers final action County call may fall through

LONDON, March 9 (AFP) — The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) will deliver its verdict on Northamptonshire's call to sack the fourteen English rebels now in South Africa at Tuesday's meeting at Lord's here.

The board are dealing with a call now, as any action would involve the players' registrations is an internal matter. The big decision on whether any of Graham Gooch's team are allowed to play for England again has been put off until the emergency board meeting next week.

The board are certain to reject the Northamptonshire proposal to ban the players from all first-class cricket. The brief is to protect the well-being of the game and its finances and, in the coming weeks, they will be doing their best to pacify India and Pakistan, who have threatened to cancel their summer tours to England because of the South Africa venture.

Over-riding this objective, however, is the need to avoid ending up in the high court as defendants in another restraint of trade action. Kerry Packer took 250,000 pounds off cricket's treasurers in 1977, and the Board are under no illusions that lawyers would soon start "padding" if players are drummed out of the first class game.

Routine matters of organizing the coming season will occupy most of the board's work. The new selection panel will be confirmed, as

chairman Peter May begins his job with only one old hand in Alec Bedser — who stands down from the chair after leading the panel for 12 years. The other two will be Norman Gifford and Alan Smith.

Over rates in Tests this year is one urgent issue, but the board will have to be tactful since agreement with India and Pakistan must be reached. They cannot allow a dozen overs an hour, which was the going rate in the series in India, but it cannot be pitched too high, or India, for one, will reject a set figure. The lowest Counties here progress at around

sixteen and a half overs. This would seem about the highest level the Indians could be asked to agree to.

Meanwhile, the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, agonized by feuding between star run-maker and Test cricket record batsman Geoff Boycott and manager Ray Illingworth, decided Sunday to keep both men on the staff this summer and appointed a team of three to try to bring peace to the County.

Fred Trueman, former Yorkshire and England fast bowler, was named to the placemaking trio, along with ex-County captains Ronnie Burni and Billy Sutcliffe. One of the three will travel to every away match. The club and its supporters have been split for months over the clash between Boycott and Illingworth, who do not like each other.

Jahangir crushes Williams

SHEFFIELD, England, March 9 (AFP) — Eighteen-year-old world champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan gave an electrifying performance as he reached the semifinals of the 150,000 pound International Squash Players' Association Championships here.

Jahangir crushed Dean Williams of Australia 9-6, 9-0, 9-0. Williams made a promising start to lead 6-0 but then Jahangir turned on all his magic and won 27 consecutive points. In the semifinals he will meet Egyptian Gamal Awad, a comfortable 9-5, 9-5, 9-0 winner against Roland Watson of South Africa.

England's Gawain Briers confirmed the form which has put him among the top dozen

Pro-Softball league

JEDDAH, March 9 — The Pro-Softball League playoffs gets underway at Rayville Wednesday with games scheduled for 'A' League, Coral and Oasis Division of the 'B' League and the 'C' League. The playoffs, a double elimination tournament, will be played every night, except on Thursday, between 7.30 and 8.30.

players in the world by reaching the semifinals. Briers, from Nottingham, beat giant-killer Lars Kvant of Sweden — the man who put out Australia's defending champion Geoff Hunt in a two-hour third round marathon Sunday night.

The 23-year-old Briers, the eighth seed, needed just 37 minutes to secure his place in the last four, punishing Kvant 9-4, 9-5, 9-1 as the Swede failed to find his form of the previous round.

The six foot-four inch Briers, the English No. 1, was determined to give him few chances to succeed, using his long reach to good effect in the middle of the court to cut off most of Kvant's angled shots.

The only time the 26-year-old Swede was in the lead was at 3-1 in the second game, but Briers quickly wiped it out and, with a brisk third game taking only seven minutes, for an emphatic winner.

For Briers, however, Tuesday night's semifinal against the third-seeded Maqsood Ahmed will be a more formidable test, for the 23-year-old Pakistani is rated fourth in the world. In another quarterfinal, Maqsood defeated Ross Norman 9-3, 9-2, 9-6,

Karim Jan, Asif steal the show with breezy tons

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 9 — Batsmen were to the fore in the opening round of the First Division of the Eastern Province Cricket Tournament — in the knockout phase — last weekend.

And the two to share the limelight were Juyaimah-RT's Muhammad Asif and Arabian Eagles' Karim Jan — both scoring centuries. The innings of these two formed the base on which the respective teams built their victories. Also the victories, paired them for a second round meeting at SCECO's ground, Dammam.

Juyaimah began in a whirlwind fashion at the Saulex Oval, Al-Khobar, against Saulex. But the home advantage was nullified when Muhammad Asif and Siraj tore the Saulex attack to shreds with some lusty hitting. Siraj, however, made his exit with a well-made 50 as Asif continued in the same vein. He raced to 130 — hitting three sixes and 11 fours in his splendid innings — as Juyaimah went on to tally 294 for eight wickets in 30 overs. The total was boosted by a breezy 50 by Saadullah Khan.

Saulex, facing a mammoth target, never got going after a poor start. With only two batsmen reaching double figures, Supra (18) and Munir (16), Saulex folded up for a mere 82 in 27.7 overs against the sustained attack

of Marikar (five for 18) and Alavi (two for 12).

The Eagles owe their victory to the belligerence of Karim Jan's blade. Making the first use of the SCECO's strip, Dammam, the Eagles were tied down in the first 12 overs by some accurate bowling and sharp fielding by the Bechtel Jubail Cricket Club. But once Karim Jan threw caution to the winds, he literally hit his side out of trouble. He found able allies in Shoaib Ahmed and Ghulam Shabbir as the Eagles proceeded to 298 for six wickets in the 30 overs.

Karim Jan and Shoaib set the pace till the latter fell for a bright 75, which included two sixes and five fours. Shabbir contributed a quick 48 as Jan excelled at the other end. Hasan Ali and Humayun Iqbal with 27 and 24 not out respectively added to the total as Jan remained unbeaten with 108 which was peppered with three sixes and 14 hits to the fence.

The target set was too demanding for Bechtel Jubail. But even then Bechtel did provide a semblance of a fight. Small contributions by Ahmed, Rice and Qbaiddullah saw Bechtel finish with a total of 151 in 28.5 overs.

A fine rearguard action by Farooq Qureshi and Vinod Rao steered Petromin to a sensational two wicket verdict over Al-Quraysh.

Al-Quraysh was given a flying start by Agha Nadeem and Alauddin. Their respective 68 and 38 runs went a long way in bolstering Al-Quraysh total to 182 in the 26.6 overs it faced. The Al-Quraysh wickets were shared by Salman Habib (three for 27), Farooq Qureshi (two for nine), Javid (two for 16) and Habib Sheikh (two for 36).

And when Petromin began in its quest for victory, it received initial setbacks. A superb opening spell by Naveed — who sent back Petromin's four top batsmen with the total at 48 — applied the brakes to Petromin's quest. But a middle order rally, and a fine effort by the later batsmen, of which Farooq and Vinod were predominant, saw Petromin scrape home. Farooq blasted a masterly 58 as Vinod carved out a steady 38 not out with Saeed Merchant (28) and Iqbal Merchant (22) pitching in with useful contributions.

Sister concerns, UPM 1 and UPM-SSF, had disastrous opening rounds with both being knocked out of the tournament. In Abqaiq, UPM-SSF, which finished at the top of pool "B" in the league phase, suffered a 66-run loss at the hands of Aramco-Abqaiq, while Abahsain GCC scored a facile 10-wicket verdict over UPM 1 at Al-Khobar.

UPM 1 was all out for 84 in 23 overs with Masood (46) and Ejaz Ahmed (38) providing the bulk of the scoring. The paltry total was

easily passed by Abahsain with its openers Shahbaz 47 not out — two sixes, seven fours and Mushtaq (33 not out — a six and five fours) reveling under tailor-made hatting conditions.

BRIEF SCORES:

Juyaimah-RT CC 294 for 8 wks, in 30 overs (M. Asif 130, Siraj 50, Saadullah Khan 50, Jilani 3 for 69, L.N. Supra 2 for 43) beat Saulex CC 82 in 27.7 overs (L.N. Supra 18, Munir 16, Marikar 5 for 18, Alavi 2 for 12). Arabian Eagles 298 for 6 wks, in 30 overs (Karim Jan 108 n.o., Shoaib 75, Ghulam Shabbir 48, Hassan Ali 27, Humayun Iqbal 24 n.o., Stanley 2 for 29, Rice 2 for 29) beat Bechtel Cricket Club of Jubail 151 in 28.3 overs (S. Ahmed 32, D. Rice 28 n.o., Qbaiddullah Khan 22, Khalid Khan 3 for 23, Karim Jan 2 for 11).

Al-Quraysh CC 182 in 26.6 overs (Agha Nadeem 68, Alauddin 38, Naveed 14, Salman Habib 3 for 27, Farooq Qureshi 2 for 9, Javid 2 for 16, Habib Sheikh 2 for 36) lost to Petromin CC 183 for 8 wks. (Farooq Qureshi 58, Vinod Rao 34 n.o., Saeed Merchant 28, Iqbal Merchant 22, Naveed 4 for 47).

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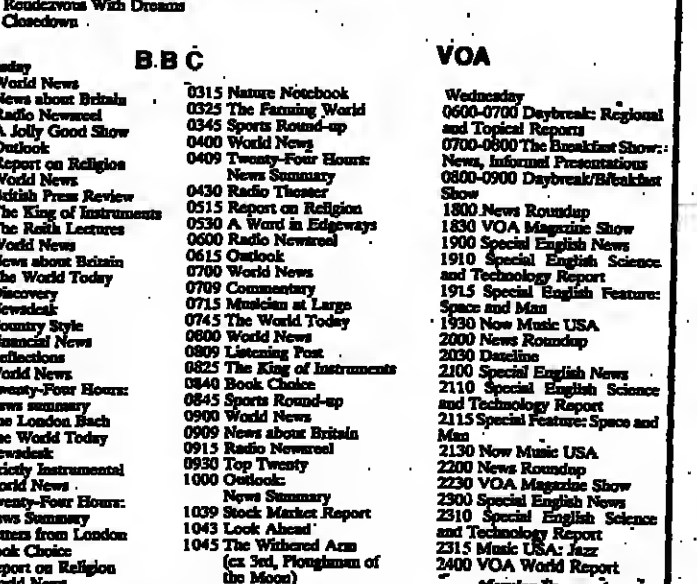
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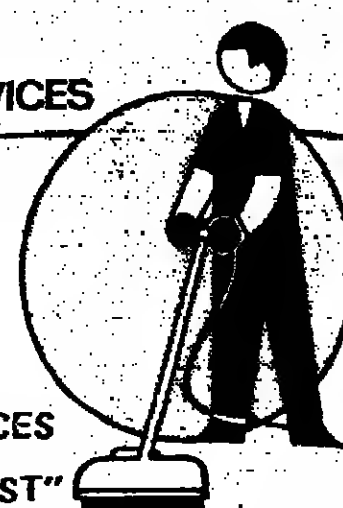
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International

For second time

Charles Haughey voted Irish premier

DUBLIN, March 9 (AP) — Fianna Fail party leader Charles Haughey Tuesday became Prime Minister of the Irish Republic for the second time, winning a parliamentary contest against outgoing Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald by a narrow margin.

Five independent and all party deputies sided with Haughey in the new parliament, giving him an 86 to 79 majority and breaking a deadlock left by last month's inconclusive general election. Fianna Fail holds 81 of the 166 seats in the Dail.

Attempts by Socialists to form a parliamentary alliance with Fitzgerald party appeared to have broken down late Monday night. One of them, Jim Kenny, said: "There is little chance of us forming an alliance now." Fitzgerald claimed last night he had a 50-50 chance of forming a government. Sources close to Kenny and three members of the Marxist Sino Fein workers party were reported to have promised support to Fitzgerald, leader of the Fine Gael party.

The February election was called because parliament defeated Fitzgerald's austerity budget proposals, including higher taxes and reduced farm subsidies.

The elections split the Dail's 166 seats almost evenly between the Fianna Fail (81) and the coalition of Fitzgerald's Fine Gael (63) and the Labor Party (15). The independents won seven seats.

The seven independents were three Marxist deputies from Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Republican Army's dormant official wing, three Socialists and independent Fianna Fail member Neil Blaney.

Amid closed-door horse-trading sessions



Charles Haughey

that continued between the major parties and the mainly leftist deputies through Monday night. But it was widely expected that the prime minister's choice will decide the power struggle triggered by the republic's worst economic crisis since the state was founded in 1921 after independence from Britain.

Haughey's plans for tackling the economic crisis are less harsh than those Fitzgerald tried to impose, precipitating the election. He wants to negotiate a British withdrawal from Northern Ireland as the basis of a settlement in the troubled province. Fitzgerald sought to co-optate its one million pro-British Protestants and win them over to a united Ireland.

Demonstrations called

Fresh Guatemala poll sought

GUATEMALA CITY, March 9 (AP) — With the government's military candidate leading the presidential race, all three opposition candidates called for demonstrations Tuesday in the main square to demand new elections.

As the slow vote count continued, Gustavo Anzueto Vielmon of the Authentic Nationalist Center, who is running last, asked his supporters Tuesday to join the other candidates' protest in front of the National Palace.

Mario Sandoval Alarcon of the ultra-rightist National Liberation Movement and Alejandro Maldonado Aguirre of center-right Christian Democratic National Renovator

R.A. Butler dies

LONDON, March 9 (R) — Richard Austen Butler, once described as the best prime minister Britain never had, died of his heart near London Monday night, his family announced Tuesday. He was 79. The former Richard Ustlen Miller, who held key ministerial posts from World War II until 1964, narrowly missed becoming head of government in 1957 and again in 1963.

After the abortive Anglo-French-Israeli invasion of Egypt during the 1956 Suez crisis, then Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden resigned due to poor health. Butler was his deputy and widely regarded as his obvious successor but the premiership went to Harold MacMillan.

From page one

Scientists

tion and agitate unstable geologic regions. Even one of its authors has debunked the 1974 book — British astrophysicist John Gribbin admitted it was wrong in the June 1980 issue of *Omnis* magazine — but bad science is making good business.

Attendance is up and switchboards are busy at the nation's planetariums. There haven't been this many craned necks since a worried world waited for Skylab to fall.

The Charles Hayden Planetarium in Boston, Massachusetts, has been inundated with calls. Assistant Director Walter Webb said: "People are curious, wanting to find out more about it. Some of those people are staying on the phone asking about our shows and courses. It's having a definite spinoff effect." Webb said. "And some people are having doomsday parties, like the end of the world parties they had for (Comet) Kohoutek."

In Los Angeles, where people tend to pay close attention when talk turns to earthquakes, long lines are forming at Griffith Observatory for the featured movie, *The Jupiter Effect and the Great California Earthquakes*.

The film "is about the claim that a rare alignment of the planets will trigger a chain of earthquakes that will destroy southern California," said a cheerful tape-recorded voice. The film outlines planetary gravitation, solar effects on earth and the physiology of earthquakes.

"We conclude that planetary alignments will not trigger earthquakes," the reassuring voice adds.

Science magazines are publishing articles with headlines like "The Jupiter Effect — Never Mind," which appeared in *Science* '82. It explains that the planets won't really

form what some call "the ultimate syzygy" — the configuration of the sun, earth and moon or planets in a straight line. Instead, the planets are forming themselves into a group within a 90-degree angle, their closest encounter for the next 510 years.

Kingdom

states have good intentions toward Iran.

Previous reports on the January defense ministers meeting said they had agreed to a number of joint steps, including a Gulf-wide air defense umbrella, a quality-minded rapid deployment force, and establishment of a billion-dollar-plus military industries complex.

Of the six states only Kuwait, which is said to be asking for "binding policies on military relations with foreign powers," has some Soviet military hardware.

Prince Saud said an assessment of the military needs of Oman, which controls vital Gulf tanker lanes to the West, was reviewed and a decision was taken to "obtain more information on certain points."

He said the military requirements of Oman, as well as those of Bahrain, will be taken up by another foreign ministers meeting in June.

Meanwhile, GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara said that experts from the member states viewed certain amendments and additions to the employment cadre and the general structure for the employees of the secretariat general. It was, therefore, viewed that a general budget be prepared, based on the new cadre and observations expressed by the committee of experts.

Luxury and gadgetry Exotic cars grab attention at Geneva

GENEVA, March 9 (AP) — Car lovers at the international motor show here are faced with a dilemma. They must choose, for instance, between the pure luxury of the Tiara and the pulse-quickening gadgetry of a computer-equipped family compact.

The Tiara, based on the top-of-the-line Mercedes models, makes the posh German limousines look almost commonplace. Swiss designer Peter Monteverdi has left untouched the motors found in the Mercedes 380 and 500 Si models. Instead, he has concentrated on the chassis — squaring the grill, removing side panels and sloping the trunk, for a sleek and racy look.

Exhibition visitors slipping behind the leather steering wheel rest their eyes on an impressive array of instruments, framed by wood piping made from walnut tree roots. The heated leather upholstery and the air

conditioning system, which filters out the exhaust pollutants of less noble cars, are almost anti-climatic.

But dreams do not come cheaply at the Geneva exhibition, which runs until March 14.

The Tiara costs 187,000 Swiss francs (\$100,537) a price topped by just a few cars, such as the turbocharged Bentley limousine, which bears a list price of \$134,440. Asked how much horsepower that Bentley has, a company representative smiled discreetly and said: "Enough."

The car, according to some published reports, can reach 212 kms an hour, with high acceleration.

Vying with the limousines for the attention of visitors is, strangely enough, a family compact familiar to millions. It's the Volkswagen Golf, (known in some countries as

the rabbit), with a difference.

Called the Topeze complex by its Swiss creator, Frank Rinderknecht, the car is equipped with a sophisticated computer connected to a television screen built into the console.

Besides availing the driver with readouts about mechanical defects and advice about service calls, the screen shows every inch of pavement in a tight parking spot — thanks to a camera mounted behind the rear seat.

The computer also provides telephone and telex connections at the push of a button. And — in anticipation of technology still to come — the device can be programmed for automatic navigation: As soon as the requisite satellites are available, the driver will be able to establish his car's position anywhere, with the help of a satellite-fed picture on the television screen.

Genscher tells Haig

West Germany sticks to Soviet gas deal

BONN, West Germany, March 9 (AP) — West Germany's foreign minister indicated Tuesday his country would go through with purchases of Soviet natural gas regardless of whether the situation in Poland deteriorates.

At the same time, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher made clear in a television interview West German foreign policy sought to prevent a sharpening of the Polish crisis or an outright Soviet incursion.

Genscher was asked whether the Bonn government could continue participation in the natural gas deal if the situation in Poland worsened or Soviet troops were dispatched there.

He said a Soviet invasion of Poland would be "the kind of measure which would fundamentally change the world situation," adding that Bonn's policy was to show Moscow that East-West cooperation was in its interest in order to discourage it from hostile moves in Poland.

"As far as the natural gas pipeline deal goes, it is understood here that the Federal (German) Republic is a country true to its contracts and that therefore this contract will be fulfilled," Genscher added.

Genscher made the remarks during a joint television interview in Washington with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig for broadcast in West Germany late Tuesday. A text of their remarks was distributed here by the Foreign Office in advance of the program.

Genscher flew to Washington Sunday for meetings with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Haig and other administration and congressional leaders. The West German minister was to depart late Tuesday for Bonn.

During the interview, Haig was asked what the U.S. government would give up its opposition to the gas deal, which American critics fear will make Western Europe energy dependent on Moscow. The plan calls for Western European nations to buy Siberian natural gas shipped through a 5,000-kilometer pipeline to be financed with loans from the potential customers.

"I doubt that they (U.S. officials) will give up their concerns about the deal," Haig said. "And our position on that question has been longstanding and has not changed over a number of months. That notwithstanding, I think Americans understand that certain commitments have been made, contracts signed, and that we are today engaged in a very important question with respect to Poland."

Both Haig and Genscher underscored the need for improving coordination and contacts between the United States and its Western European allies.

On Monday, Haig and Genscher met in Washington for three hours and said that the areas of agreement between the two countries far outweighed their policy disputes.

With Genscher at his side after a working lunch, Haig said the meeting touched on Poland, preparations for the forthcoming NATO and economic summits and arms control issues. He called his talks "extremely valuable if not invaluable" but gave no details.

Next week, a U.S. mission headed by Undersecretary of State James Buckley will go to Europe to discuss a possible ban on

subsidies of U.S. firms from supplying equipment for the proposed Soviet gas pipeline. The administration already has barred General Electric from providing rotor blades for the pipeline project.

Genscher suggested that the NATO foreign ministers agree to meet periodically for informal discussions without advisers or the press present as a means of achieving a "higher degree of concentration" on alliance issues.

He said ministers of the 10-nation European Economic Community now meet twice a year under such a format and have found the discussions to be useful.

Later, Genscher met with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in a wide-ranging discussion which included an exchange of views on how public opinion in Europe and the United States views the NATO alliance.

Pentagon officials gave no indication of how the talk went. In response to inquiries, they merely listed the subjects addressed by Genscher and Weinberger.

The subjects covered, according to Pentagon officials, included East-West relations, the upcoming NATO summit, negotiations with the Soviets on reducing nuclear weapons, the leakage of Western technology to the Soviet Union, as well as "public opinion in Europe and the United States as it relates to the alliance."

Before meeting Genscher, Weinberger voiced concern that what he called "isolationist sentiment" might become dominant in the United States if the public perceives American allies as falling short in their defense responsibilities.

Soviets receive Finnish leader

MOSCOW, March 9 (R) — Finnish President Mauno Koivisto arrived in Moscow Tuesday for an official visit and was given a personal welcome by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, the official news agency Tass reported.

It said Brezhnev, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other senior Kremlin officials were at the airport to welcome the new Finnish head of state as he stepped from his plane. Koivisto's visit came six weeks after he took over the presidency from Urho Kekkonen, who built up close ties with Moscow during his 25 years in office.

In Helsinki, Finnish officials said Koivisto's talks with Soviet leaders would cover world and bilateral affairs and were intended to establish personal relations. Relations between Finland and the Soviet Union are governed by a friendship treaty, signed after they had twice been at war in the period 1939-44. The treaty binds Finland to meet military attacks aimed at the Soviet Union through Finnish territory.

The Finnish Foreign Ministry said Koivisto would assure Soviet leaders that this relationship would be maintained, regardless of changes in the international situation. But officials in Helsinki said the main purpose of the trip was to enable Kremlin chiefs to get to know the new president in person.

Kekkonen visited Moscow frequently and even spent holidays with Soviet leaders. Pre-viewing Koivisto's visit, Tass said these personal links had played a vital role in developing political ties.

Moscow indicated its preference for a rival to Koivisto at the start of the Finnish presidential campaign, suggesting Soviet fears that he was not fully committed to the course followed by Kekkonen. But the Tass article made clear that this initial apprehension had already abated, declaring that there was no doubt Koivisto's visit would contribute to strengthening ties between the two countries.

Dozens die, 100 injured in Moscow factory fire

MOSCOW, March 9 (AFP) — Dozens of people died and about 100 were injured in last Thursday's explosion and fire in a Moscow aerospace factory, an informed Soviet source reported Tuesday. The disaster, which was not revealed officially or reported in any Soviet newspaper, took place in an assembly workshop where highly flammable magnesium was stocked.

Salvadoran leftists step up attacks

SAN SALVADOR, March 9 (Agencies) — Leftist forces have stepped up their attacks on government troops around the country in what they called "a show of force" against the U.S.-backed civilian-military junta.

Military sources said at least 32 persons died in the fighting, which included rebel assaults on security forces in three major cities and the storming of three military outposts in Morazan province.

In another development, the Defense Ministry Monday issued a communique in the capital denying that government soldiers massacred civilians in villages north of here.

Over the weekend peasants in San Benito, 64 kms southeast of the capital, showed reporters 14 skulls lying in a field and two wells, claiming they were evidence of the deaths of at least 30 unarmed peasants in an army operation earlier this year. A spokesman for the Salvadoran Human Rights Commission said the alleged massacre was being investigated.

The ministry statement said the allegations were "black propaganda" and claimed that guerrillas frequently dump the bodies of their slain comrades in and around villages to pretend later that they were civilians killed by the armed forces.

Church and human rights groups say over 32,000 persons have died in El Salvador's political bloodshed since the ruling junta

took power here in October 1979.

In San Vicente, 56 kms east of the capital, residents and military sources said at least eight soldiers and five civilian non-combatants were wounded in skirmishing around the city. San Vicente residents reported that as Monday's first shots were being fired the leftist forces seized a radio station to urge the city's 20,000 inhabitants to support them.

Residents of Santa Ana, the nation's second largest city, 50 kms northwest of here, also reported clashes between leftists and government troops but they had no information on possible casualties in the fighting. Leftists also reportedly overran three military posts in northeastern Morazan province, a longtime leftist stronghold.

In a midday broadcast, the leftist clandestine Radio Venceremos said the series of attacks on government troops around the country was "not something final but a show of force," indicating that the attacks did not mean leftists were trying to launch an all-out offensive against the junta's forces. The guerrillas distributed pamphlets saying the left-wing groups under the umbrella of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front had started a new offensive to oust the civilian-military junta. The pamphlets also urged soldiers to desert the army and join their ranks.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Mn	Max		Mn	Max
	C	F		C	F
Amsterdam	-1	30	8	46	clear
Albany	5	41	10	50	clear
Bahrein	12	54	21	70	clear
Bangkok	28	82	33	91	clear
Beirut	8	46	18	64	rain
Berlin	-2	28	9	48	cloudy
Brussels	4	39	9	48	clear
Buenos Aires	22	71	30	86	clear
Cairo	10	50	20	68	rain
Cancun	18	68	28	82	cloudy
Chicago	-19	-1	-2	29	clear
Copenhagen	0	32	3	37	clear
Dublin	2	36	9	48	rain
Frankfurt	-3	27	9	50	clear
Geneva	-5	23	10	50	clear
Helsinki	-2	28	8	48	clear
Hong Kong	13	55	15	59	cloudy
Jakarta	22	72	31	88	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	33	91	rain
London	2	36	10	50	cloudy
Los Angeles	18	64	24	76	cloudy
Madrid	-2	28	12	54	clear
Manila	20	68	34	93	clear
Mexico City	9	48	24	75	cloudy
Miami	13	56	20	68	clear
Montreal	-11	12	-11	12	clear
Moscow	-6	21	-2	28	cloudy
New Delhi	9	47	22	72	cloudy
New York	1	34	4	40	cloudy
Niamey	6	43	19	67	cloudy
Oslo	-3	27	3	37	cloudy
Paris	0	32	9	48	clear
Rio de Janeiro	20	68	30	86	cloudy
Rome	5	41	14	57	cloudy
San Francisco	11	52	18	65	cloudy
Seoul	6	43	17	63	cloudy
Singapore	23	77	32	90	cloudy
Stockholm	-7	19	5	41	clear
Sydney	16	61	18	64	rain
Taipei	14	57	18	64	rain
Tokyo	4	39	12	54	clear
Toronto	15	5	-6	21	clear
Vancouver	4	34	12	54	clear
Vienna	1	33	7	44	clear

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U-2 probe links cloud to volcanic eruption

SAN FRANCISCO, California, March 8 (AP) — Preliminary findings indicate that a cloud circling 16 kms above the earth is made of tiny droplets of sulfuric acid from a volcanic eruption somewhere in Africa or Asia, researchers say.

Ames Research Center scientists hope to confirm Tuesday those findings, issued Monday and based on a study of samples collected Saturday by a U-2 reconnaissance plane which passed through the cloud at 50,000, 55,000 and 60,000 feet (15, 16 and 18 km) over the Gulf of Mexico.

"It's very likely volcanic," said Pete Waller, information officer for Ames, which is operated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "It almost has to be. The scientists found very little rock debris," he added, which eliminates a nuclear blast or a meteorite explosion.

Waller said scientists also found levels of radioactivity so low that the experts virtually ruled out the possibility that the cloud, which was discovered Jan. 23 by Japanese scientists, is the remnant of a nuclear explosion.

"A typical pattern with a volcano is that it ejects ash, rock and lots of sulfuric gases," said Waller. "Within the first week all the ash and rock falls out, leaving behind the sulfuric residue. That hangs around for months and gradually turns to sulfuric acid."

Waller said the cloud is circling the earth from the equator to about 50 degrees north, along a line passing through Germany, Poland and several U.S. states, including Washington, Idaho and Montana. The location indicates the volcano erupted several months ago in Asia, Africa or somewhere in the ocean.

Japan protests Izvestia report

TOKYO, March 9 (AFP) — Japan Tuesday verbally protested to the Soviet Union over an "unfriendly" story published in the Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* criticizing Japan's diplomacy toward Southeast Asian countries.

The protest was made by Hiroshi Hashimoto, chief of the regional policy division in the Asian affairs bureau of the Foreign Ministry, when he met Volodymyr V. Alekseev, counselor at the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo. Hashimoto told Alekseev that the article was a "malicious defamation."

In its Feb. 23 edition, the daily charged that Japan had exploited natural resources in Southeast Asia and forced countries in the area to buy industrial products in return. The story also said that Japan exported pollution-producing plants to Southeast Asia.

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